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Sir Frederick Richmond, Bart.

IT was with a feeling of pleasure that the staff of the Hudson's Bay Company in Canada, and we are sure in England also, received the information through the press of the high honour conferred on our Deputy Governor, Sir Frederick Richmond, his name being in the list of baronets recently created by His Majesty the King.



Sir Frederick Richmond has been deputy governor of the Company since 1925. He is chairman of Debenhams, Limited, and Debenhams Securities, Limited, and in these capacities controls one of the largest wholesale and retail textile distributing organizations in the world.

Sir Frederick is also chairman of Mappins Stores (Brazil), Limited.

He is a native of Yorkshire, and at the age of fourteen went to London, England, in search of fame and fortune, starting as an apprentice at Debenhams and climbing steadily to his present distinguished position. His remarkable success is just another instance of what can be accomplished by ambition, steady application and a never flagging determination to progress,

and should be an inspiration and an incentive to every young man and woman in the service of the Hudson's Bay Company, for he has been through the entire routine—apprentice, assistant, buyer, traveller, partner, director, managing director and chairman.

Sir Frederick Richmond is a keen sportsman and deeply interested in numerous philanthropic movements. As governor of the Middlesex Hospital, he did yeoman service in connection with its restoration and enlargement. He is a book lover and consequently an ardent book collector.

His visit to the Company's various stores and branches in Canada in 1923 is still remembered with pleasure by the many friends he made on that occasion.



Handling Indians

The following press clipping, shown as an extract from the *Chronicle*, San Francisco, is an interesting tribute to the Company on the methods it adopts in dealing with the Indians and Eskimos of the Dominion:

"California Indians are meeting at Sonora in August to discuss their affairs, largely grievances. They have plenty. It is not a pleasant story; one of cynical dispossession and failure of government to live up to its agreements.

"This nation and its government still has a lot to learn about treatment of aborigines. The Indian bureau messing around makes a sorry picture in contrast, for example, with the intelligent efforts of the Hudson's Bay Company to maintain the native virility and morale of the Indians and Eskimos in its territory, promoting their welfare in a way to give them self-respect and independence.


"The Company is not a philanthropic institution, but finds a profit in keeping these peoples up to as high a grade as possible. As a matter of business it has worked out principles and methods worth studying."



Transportation in British Columbia District
The Old and the New—Reo Truck and Dogs Packing, Telegraph Creek—Dease Lake Road. Photo by Wm. Ware

With the Eskimo of Ungava

By REV. S. M. STEWART, D.D.

 CERTAIN lakes of very high altitudes in the polar belt contain seals. Just how these seals made their way up to these high waters is still a problem for the Eskimo. The natives tell you that once on a time long ago a great spring tide—*Ullitornivaksoak*—covered the whole earth, and when the ebb tide set in many of these amphibians were stranded. It is very remarkable that some idea of the Deluge should have existed in the native mind and found a place in the folklore of the people.

The Eskimo's sense of humour is highly developed. One night a band of hungry dogs, bent on plunder, scented some seal meat which was stored in a little hut. In a little while the door was eaten through, and in due course everything eatable was devoured. In the morning the owner of the meat, whose loss was considerable, soon had a lot of sympathizers around him, each one wondering whose dogs were the culprits, and each one trying to fasten the blame on his neighbours' dogs. The dogs themselves looked the picture of innocence, but their indolent attitude of repose as they lay on the snow offered incontrovertible evidence that they were the guilty ones. In the empty store a whip was found, and it was a source of speculation why the dogs had not eaten the whip. The skin whip used by the native drivers has a lash which sometimes measures thirty feet, but often less than this. The owner however, when asked why his own dogs—guilty as the others—did not eat the whip, replied: "You see, my dogs know that when I apply the whip the pain is great, and if taken internally the pain would be still greater."

I was visiting a native settlement in the Kangiva district, beyond Georges river and Burwell, and was sitting in my snow house when the old chief of the tribe called on me. He noticed my travelling box, which lay open on the floor, and at once proceeded to inspect the contents with that keen curiosity which is common to all the natives. Presently he found my electric torch and was completely puzzled. He examined it closely, put the bulb to his tongue, and held the torch close to his eye.

"Look into it," I said. And he did. At once I pressed the button. Simultaneously with the flash, the chief gave a warlike whoop and immediately burst into laughter. The people, hearing sounds of mirth, crowded in. They had never seen anything like this before.

"What do you call it, and what is its name?" asked the chief. For the moment I could not give him the answer. Then I said to him it was the





aurora of the heavens in a bottle. He understood at once, and was quite interested.

The *Innu*t, as the Eskimo call themselves, are *the* people. The white man—*Kablunak* (the man with the big brow)—is a very inferior creature to the dusky child of the snow. They do not believe that European man came from “a mammal that lived up a tree, and a great coat of hair on his outside had he.”

In the ancient folklore of the Eskimo, the progenitor of the white man was a red fox. The ape theory cannot be grasped by the child of nature, but Reynard—cunning Reynard of the white trail—can be.

Itook and Angekok were two brothers I knew, and both were conjurers, a profession at once lucrative and profitable, and it brought them great gain. This office they never relinquished during life, for they died, just as they had lived, in heathen darkness.

In his declining years, Itook was a pathetic figure and wandered about the place, taking no interest in anything and caring less for those about him. He looked forward to another sphere of activity in sensual pleasure in that spirit world whither his relatives had preceded him, and where he would ultimately join them, and with them enjoy a life carnal, easy and indulgent for all time. He passed away, friendless and forgotten, save by an old woman, the oldest of the trio who had been his slaves.

Angekok, his younger brother, was a man of more intellectual calibre, and in every way superior to Itook. As a conjurer he had greater influence also over the people he ruled as chief.

The last time I accepted his hospitality, I stayed with him in his winter palace of snow. He was exceedingly kind and treated me well. He did not object when I held a service in the house, but he appeared as one who heard not or did not wish to hear the Message of Peace.

Two years later—in the winter of 1904—on my return from England, I was stranded on the coast of northern Labrador at a place called Nachvak, then a post of the Hudson's Bay Company, where I waited for the freezing up of the sea to cross into Ungava Bay. One bleak night, just before we retired, our dogs began to howl.

Presently out of the drift appeared some natives walking toward us, and we were soon able to distinguish the visitors, who were none other than the sons of Angekok. Their father had died, and they had his body in a rough case on the sleigh. They were taking it to the tribal boulder tombs on the opposite side of the bay, where, in obedience to the dying commands of their father—who desired burial after the ancient custom of the Innu—it was laid to rest in a rough rock grave on an old beach, fit resting place indeed for these children of nature, who all their lives had lived amid such surroundings.

Some Famous Signatures

HERE is a copy of the authentic signature of Prince Rupert, first Governor of the Hudson's Bay Company, together with the signatures of the Earl of Arlington, Sir George Cartaret and Sir Edward Seymour. The document from which this photograph has been taken is in the archives of the Hudson's Bay Company, London, England. The following biographical information regarding these gentlemen may be of interest:

PRINCE RUPERT

Prince Rupert, Count Palatine of the Rhine, Duke of Bavaria and Cumberland, grandson of King James the First of England, was the first of a long line of illustrious governors who have guided the destinies of the Hudson's Bay Company. He was the third son of the King of Bohemia by Princess Elizabeth Stuart, eldest daughter of James I.

A dashing cavalier, an intrepid seaman, a keen and enlightened student, and a patron of art, science and commerce, he was the outstanding figure of his day at the court of England.

He fought with great gallantry on the side of the Royalists in the Civil War, particularly at the battles of Edgehill, Naseby and Marston Moor, where he earned for himself the name of "Fiery Prince Rupert." In later years he became an admiral and distinguished himself in the wars with the Dutch.

It was to him that one, M. des Groseilliers, the fur trader, went seeking an interview while chafing under the treatment he and his cousin Radisson had received at the hands of their own countrymen, the French. Groseilliers succeeded in arousing the interest and in gaining the financial support of the prince and his friends in his proposed enterprise.

The success of the first British fur trading adventure (1668-9) resulted in the granting of the famous charter by King Charles the Second to "The Governor and Company of Adventurers of England trading into Hudson's Bay" and in the formation of the Company in 1670, comprising seventeen nobles and gentlemen, with Prince Rupert at its head. Prince Rupert was chosen Governor of the Company for twelve successive years, and his influence in its behalf was very great.

He died on November 29, 1682, at his home in Spring Garden, at the age of sixty-three. He was buried in Westminster Abbey.



SIR EDWARD SEYMOUR

Sir Edward Seymour was the fourth baronet. (The baronetcy was created in 1611, and in 1750 was merged into the dukedom of Somerset.) He was born in 1633, and is described of Maiden Bradley, Wiltshire, and of Bury Pomeroy. He represented Hindon in parliament as a Tory from 1661-1676, Devon 1678-1679, Totnes 1679-1681, Exeter (in three parliaments) 1685-1695, Totnes again 1696-1698, and Exeter again (in five parliaments) from 1698 until his death in 1708. He was speaker of the House of Commons from 15th February, 1672-1673 to 1679 and became a privy councillor in 1673. It is said that he refused a peerage for himself, though he obtained one for his younger son. The office of treasurer of the navy was conferred on him in 1673, which position he held till 1681. He was apparently also a commissioner of the admiralty from about 1675-1678. He was mainly instrumental in passing the "Habeas Corpus" Act. His succession to the baronetcy occurred on the 7th December, 1688. From 1691-1694, he was a commissioner of the treasury, and comptroller of the household (Queen Anne's) from 1702-4.

He married, firstly, (Lic: Fac: 7 Sept. 1661) Margaret, daughter and co-heir of Sir William Wale, of North Luffenham, in Rutlandshire (an alderman of London), and, secondly, in 1674, Laetitia, sister of Sir Francis Popham, K.B., daughter of William Carre, groom of the bedchamber.

Sir Edward Seymour died on the 17th February, 1707-8, in his seventy-sixth year, at Maiden Bradley, and was buried there. His widow died on the 16th March, 1714. (Francis Seymour, the second but first surviving son of this lady, took the additional name of Conway, and was an ancestor of the Marquesses of Hertford.)

The mother of Sir Edward Seymour was a daughter of Sir John Portman, first baronet. This Sir John Portman is doubtless of the same family as John Portman, one of the original adventurers, who is described in the Charter as "John Portman, Citizen and Goldsmith of London."

EARL OF ARLINGTON

Arlington, Henry Bennett (ben-et), was born at Arlington (Middlesex) in 1618 and died on the 28th July, 1685. An English politician and diplomatist. Created Earl of Arlington in 1672. He was a member of the Cabal and Secretary of State from 1662-1674. Lord Chamberlain from 1674-1685. He was impeached in the House of Commons January 15th, 1674, as the chief instrument or "conduit-pipe" of the evil doings of the King, as a papist, and for breach of trust. The proceedings were, however, dropped.

The English surname Bennett, or Bennet, is from the M.E. Benet, O.F. Beneit, Benoit, L. Benedictus, Benedict (*e.g.*, St. Benedict).

In addition to Arlington Street in the West End of London, England, we have Bennett Street leading out of St. James Street.

SIR GEORGE CARTERET

Sir George Carteret (Kar-ter-et) was born at St. Ouen, Jersey, between 1609-1617, and died January, 1680.

An English sailor and Royalist politician, and nephew of Sir George Carteret. He became captain of the Navy in 1633 and comptroller of the Navy in 1639; he supported actively the Royalist cause and was appointed by the King Lieutenant-Governor of Jersey (from which he expelled the parliamentary governor) and Vice-Admiral, December 13th, 1644.

Charles the Second granted him "a certain island and adjacent islets in America in perpetual inheritance to be called New Jersey."

He surrendered (apparently to Cromwell) on 12th December, 1651, and went to France, where he obtained a command in the French navy. He was imprisoned in the Bastille, August-December, 1657, and returned to England at the Restoration. He was treasurer of the navy 1661-1667, and was suspended from the House of Commons for mismanagement of the funds of the navy, 10th December, 1669. He was one of the original proprietors of Carolina, and with Lord Berkely was granted the land between the Hudson and the Delaware, named in his honour New Jersey.

LOWER FORT GARRY

A history of the Stone Fort, by Robert Watson. Cloth bound, 76 pages, with 23 illustrations and three-page plan. Price, one dollar; postage 5c additional. Special prices in quantities to the trade. On sale at the Company's stores and other booksellers, also at Hudson's Bay Company Wholesale, Winnipeg and Montreal.



*Transportation in British Columbia District
Hudson's Bay Company Scow Freighting on Dease River. Photo by Wm. Ware*

Dr. John Rae

The following notes, while they reiterate in part information which has already appeared in "The Beaver" (March, 1927) regarding the travels of Dr. John Rae, are worth while quoting as they were in Dr. Rae's own handwriting and were copied by the editor from the back and face of a photograph of Dr. Rae presented by him to the late Chief Factor James L. Cotter, and which is now in the possession of Post Manager H. M. S. Cotter, of Cumberland House.



JOHN RAE, M.D., LL.D., F.R.S., F.R.G.S., M.R.I., M.R.C.I., gold medallist R.G.S., born in Orkney, 1813, was engaged on five Arctic expeditions (in 1846-7, 1848, 1849, 1850-1 and 1853-4), in all of which, except that of 1848, he was commanding and sole officer.

In 1846-7 he and his party of twelve persons, including two Eskimo interpreters, after a boat voyage of about nine hundred miles from York Factory to Repulse Bay, wintered there in a stone house without any fuel for warming the house, having only four months' provisions with them. They shot enough reindeer for twelve months' food, about half the winter supply being killed by Rae himself. No spirits or wine was used, and a school was formed.

In the spring, sledge journeys over the ice of 1200 miles were made, connecting the survey of Ross on Boothia with that of Parry at Strait of Fury and Heckla, all but a few miles that hazy weather prevented being seen. The whole expedition, including Rae's pay, cost less than £1400. Parry's expedition, which failed after two years' work in two ships, cost from £100,000 to £120,000. Passing over 1848 and 1849, being of less importance, I was asked by Government to go again to the coast of the Polar Sea in search of Franklin in 1850-1. In spring, 1851, perhaps the most rapid journey of 1100 miles on record was made by Rae and two men from Great Bear Lake and on the Arctic coast at the rate of twenty-five miles a day, and in the same manner a boat voyage of about equal length to the eastward of Coppermine River, tracing 725 miles of new coast line. In 1853 Rae with seven men again wintered at Repulse Bay and killed deer as before, Rae again shooting about half the winter food.

Long sledge journeys were made in spring, 1854, and the first news of the fate of the Franklin party obtained, for which the party were awarded £10,000 by Government.

The result of these several expeditions was the tracing of over 1700 miles of new land.

Remarks on face of photo: "Some relics of the Franklin Expedition obtained 1854, R.G.S.'s Founder's Gold Medal awarded to Rae, 1852. Franklin's ship *Erebus* and *Terror* abandoned, 1848." (Signed) John Rae.

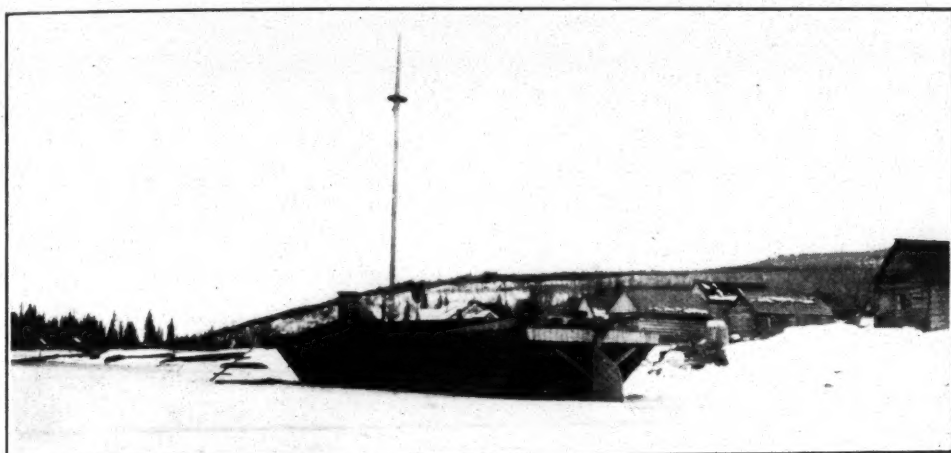


Cover Picture

John, Lord Churchill, first Duke of Marlborough (1650-1722), a famous British soldier and Governor of the Hudson's Bay Company, 1685-1691.



*Transportation in British Columbia District
Freighting on Parsnip River.* Photo by Wm. Ware



Hudson's Bay Company Freight Boat on Babine Lake. Photo by Wm. Ware



Freighting Hudson's Bay Company Supplies on Finlay River. Photo by Wm. Ware

"Captain" Cotter of Cumberland

By ROBERT WATSON

THE good ship Cumberland House is commanded by the only moccasined fur-trade skipper in the Hudson's Bay Company service. His very initials suggest the ships of the British Admiralty (H. M. S. Cotter)—stout, gray-haired, a little weak in the knees perhaps, and harassed by asthma, but quaint, kindly, well-informed, and Hudson's Bay Company from top to toe.

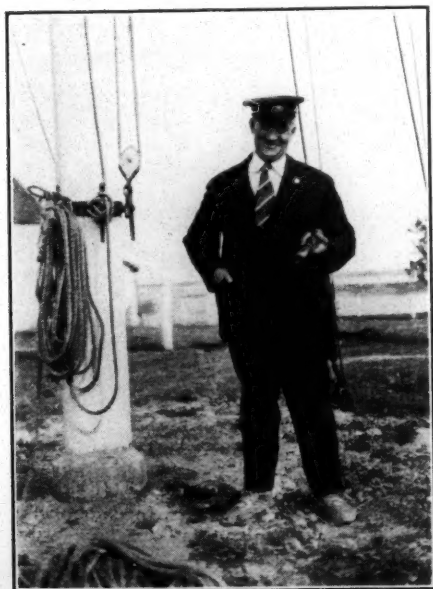
So very evident is this last characteristic in many **H B C** officers and servants that those outside of the service often wonder what it is in the old Company that commands this unswerving loyalty and brings out in so pronounced a manner this pride of connection. It is something that even those on the inside cannot well diagnose or express, but they know it is there, for they too feel it in their bones. It is akin to the perfume of a rose, intangible yet none the less real, noticeable and pleasing.

Son of the late Chief Factor James L. Cotter, of Labrador, "H. M. S." was born at Little Whale River in 1873, joined the service in 1889, and has been in it ever since—forty years, for the last seventeen of which he has stood on the bridge of Cumberland House post.

A fur trader with the call of the sea so strongly in his blood that, even after a lifetime of trading with Indians, it still asserts itself in no mistakable manner. On the walls of his home are pictures of tea-clippers, of seamen and the sea; on his table are the "Blue Peter" and other shipping journals, in his bookcase rows of sea tales, from "The Three Midshipmen" to "Moby Dick," and in his conversation, "halyards," "jibs" and "the snoring breeze with white waves heaving high."

He who is still an unbeliever, let him stand on the veranda of that little home at Cumberland House and look out toward Cumberland lake. His vision will be arrested before it gets that length and his bosom will swell with pride at the sight of a tall flagstaff, where on occasion flutter streamers of code signals, topped by the gallant red ensign with its white letters "**H B C**" in the right hand lower corner.

This new flagstaff at Cumberland House is very dear to the heart of H. M. S. Cotter, and well it might be, for its designing, construction and erection have been his own and practically unaided work throughout a

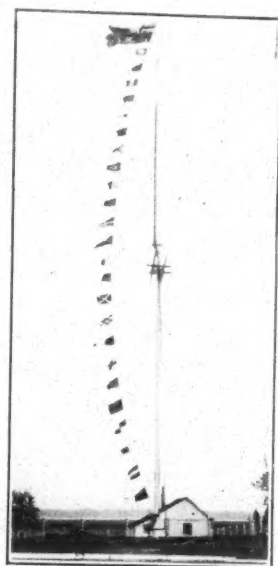


H. M. S. Cotter

period of years. It is built in two pieces and stands one hundred and five feet high. The lower mast is fifty feet to the cross-trees and the topmast fifty-five feet. It is designed, from memory, after the style of the mast of the S.S. *Pelican*. It is fitted with trestle trees, cross-trees, cheeks and cap. The yard and gaff are ready but still to erect. The weather-vane is in the shape of an arrow and is forty inches long. The iron work was hand wrought by Mr. Cotter at the post. The base of the mast is sunk seven feet in the ground. The "deadmen" used for bracing consist of railroad iron, fastened with chains. These also are sunk seven feet in the ground. The mast is of spruce and was thirty-four inches in base diameter before being cut. It was planed and rigged at the post.

A total of 865 feet of wire rope and one thousand feet of Manilla rope has been used on this flag pole, the frugal accumulation of years with the present purpose in view. The wire was spliced by Mr. Cotter in the manner he had watched it done by Bosun McPhail of the S.S. *Pelican*, in 1909, and like a good sailor, he never forgot.

As the great pole lay on the ground in sections, it was beyond the comprehension of the Indians how the topmast could ever be hoisted, and for a time they thought the post manager was "heap crazy." None of them would venture aloft for the top placing, but the whole village mustered and lent a hand in swinging Mr. Cotter upward in the cradle—no easy job, for H. M. S. Cotter's form is anything but sylph-like. But the magnificent flagstaff now stands a credit to Cumberland House, a credit to its builder, and in every way worthy of the flag that flutters from its top.

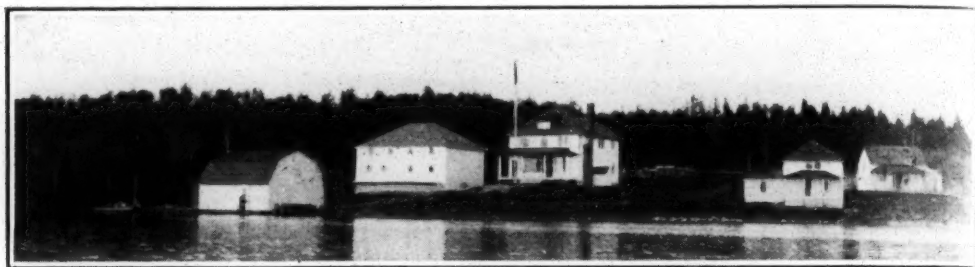


The Flagstaff

Chief Trader Alexander Hunter Murray

Mrs. George Black, of Vancouver, daughter of Chief Trader Alexander Hunter Murray, in commenting on the article on her father in last issue of *The Beaver*, states that A. H. Murray's father was a retired captain of the Royal Navy, not a commodore as given in Chief Factor Robert Campbell's notes, also that the family of publishers in Glasgow (Murray's Railway Guide) were his cousins.

Mrs. Black adds something in her letter regarding the designing of the Fort Garry gateway that is worthy of record: "Our father designed it. Dr. Cowan was in charge at the time they were having a gate made, and father took an envelope out of his pocket, made a design and suggested they make it in that style. Dr. Cowan was so pleased with the change that he kept the envelope and had it made according to father's plan."



Temagami

By DR. E. VOORHIS, Ottawa

TEMAGAMI, or lake of the "Deep Waters," with its many arms and beautiful well forested islands and shores, was set aside by the Ontario government as one of nature's gardens for the preservation of its forests and wild life.

It lies about thirty-five miles north of Lake Nipissing, twenty-seven miles west of Lake Timiskaming, and about one hundred and five miles south of Lake Abitibi, within the Laurentian plateau at an elevation of one thousand feet above sea level. Lake Timiskaming in places is six hundred feet deep and parts of Temagami one thousand feet.

It is a region of much historic interest. In the spring of 1686, the Sieur de Troyes, accompanied by one hundred men, conducted a military expedition from Montreal to James Bay by way of the Ottawa river and Lake Abitibi for the purpose of capturing the Hudson's Bay Company forts on James Bay. De Troyes says, in his journal of the expedition, that upon reaching Lake Timiskaming they arrived at the house of "La Compagnie du Nord," whose charter had been granted by the king of France in 1676. This little fortified house was situated on an island near the mouth of the Montreal or Metabitchouan rivers, both rivers emptying almost conjointly into Lake Timiskaming. Within a year, the French moved a few miles north and constructed the first Fort Timiskaming at the narrows in 1686. Proceeding on his journey, De Troyes reached Lake Abitibi in April, 1686, and at the east end, on a long peninsula near the entrance, he constructed the first fort on Lake Abitibi—a strongly stockaded post. Before 1688 he built the second French fort at the narrows—entrance to lower Lake Abitibi.

These two forts on Abitibi, with the chief post on Lake Timiskaming, were maintained by the French as military and trading posts until the cession of Canada in 1763, when the French garrisons and traders withdrew. The construction of these forts and trading posts provided the Indians of Lake Temagami and surrounding country with opportunities of trade near at hand and avoided the conveying of their furs to Montreal.

Very soon after the departure of the French forces, and before 1774, the Hudson's Bay Company was established in De Troyes' first fort on

Lake Abitibi, and in 1794-96 the Company rebuilt and strengthened this fort. The French fort at the narrows on Lake Abitibi and also Fort Timiskaming were occupied by free traders and then by the North-West Company soon after the French, and both of these forts were acquired by the Hudson's Bay Company at the union of the companies in 1821.

At the same time, 1820-21, the Hudson's Bay Company built the first trading post on Lake Temagami at the south end of Temagami island, near the centre of the lake. In 1875 the Company moved this post to its present location on Bear island, about three miles to the north. The Temagami post has been in constant operation for one hundred and twenty-eight years. Before the establishment of the post, Lake Temagami was visited by the French and trading commenced with Fort Timiskaming, access being had by way of the Montreal and Metabitchouan rivers. The lake was visited with hostile intent in 1660 by the Iroquois Indians, who raided the entire country to the sources of the Ottawa and St. Maurice rivers. Indian pictographs found on the cliffs of Lake Temagami and adjoining lakes are supposed to be relics of the Iroquois raid.

The Indians resident near the post are known as the Temagami tribe of the Ojibways. Their number has diminished during the past century from more than one hundred to about twenty-five treaty Indians today. Before the establishment of the post in 1820, the Indians brought their furs from Temagami to Fort Timiskaming. Today the Indians in some respects have forsaken their ancient customs. They no longer travel many miles through the forests in search of birch bark for canoes, and trapping is not so active as formerly. The Indians today are content to make good wages during the season as guides to tourists.

From being in former times simply a fur collecting outpost of Timiskaming, the post at Temagami has become one of the most celebrated tourist headquarters in Ontario. Within the past quarter century, Temagami has come to be known as an ideal region for summer tourists.

The Company maintains a well equipped outfitting establishment at Temagami under S. R. Thorpe. The post includes a large store with residence, a large boathouse, a second capacious outfitting store, and several smaller buildings. The Company supplies experienced guides and complete outfits.

There are two passenger and freight steamers on the lake which make daily trips to Bear island and the north arm, and also to the south arm. In addition, the navigation company maintains five motor launches for special hire. There are about forty local Bear island guides and a total of from one hundred and fifty to one hundred and seventy-five guides in use during the busy summer season.

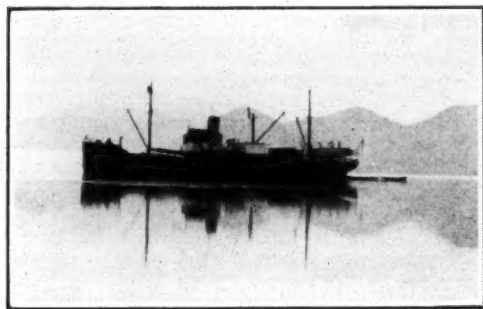
There are large spaces at Temagami, long stretches of many miles of safe and sheltered waters for the canoeist, hundreds of attractive camping sites and islands, beautiful clear waters of great depth well stocked with lake trout, bass and pickerel, fascinating scenery and exhilarating atmosphere.

The Wreck of the *Bayeskimo*

By ARCHDEACON ARCHIBALD LANG FLEMING

TO the Hudson's Bay Company belongs the credit of having built the finest and strongest vessels sailing to the North, but even so they have met with many disasters through ships being crushed in the ice, and these add a thrill to the life of the Arctic voyager, although most people would gladly dispense with such experiences. To be suddenly ordered out on to drifting ice, and then for hours watch the ship

gradually sink lower and lower in the water until she takes the final plunge, carrying with her all your supplies for twelve months, may be spectacular, but terrifying—especially when you have no idea whether help will come to rescue you from death by cold and starvation. Yet such has been the experience of quite a number of our Arctic missionaries and traders.



Take, for example, the disaster of 1925 in the eastern Arctic. The Hudson's Bay Company's ship *Bayeskimo* left Port Burwell, the most northerly point on the Labrador, on Wednesday, July 22nd, bound for Fort Chimo, Ungava Bay. The next morning two fields of ice were seen in the vicinity of the ship, one in the north and the other in the west. Gradually, and with a terrible persistence, those two huge moving masses of ice closed in upon one another, and despite every endeavour the ship could not make her escape. No vessel, however stoutly built she may be, can withstand the pressure from such titanic forces, and so the doomed *Bayeskimo* was crushed and by two o'clock was leaking badly. No effort was spared by the officers and crew to save the vessel, but without avail, and the captain was forced to give the order, "Abandon ship."

Two powerful motor boats and eleven other boats were launched. Plentiful supplies of food, water, gasoline, deerskins and other necessities were lowered into the boats, and passengers and crew left the ill-fated steamer.

On a nearby ice floe the marooned party spent the night, making themselves as comfortable as possible under the circumstances, while they watched their ship slowly sinking by the head until she finally disappeared beneath ice and water about ten p.m.

Before leaving the sinking ship, a wireless message had been sent from the *Bayeskimo* to the sister ship *Nascopie*, giving the position of the former. During the night heavy rain fell, increasing the discomfort of the shipwrecked company on the ice, but even that did not dampen their enthusiasm, for it is recorded that one of the missionaries and a young

apprentice clerk of the Hudson's Bay Company entertained the passengers with songs and music, and oft-time sit appeared more like a picnic party than a disaster.

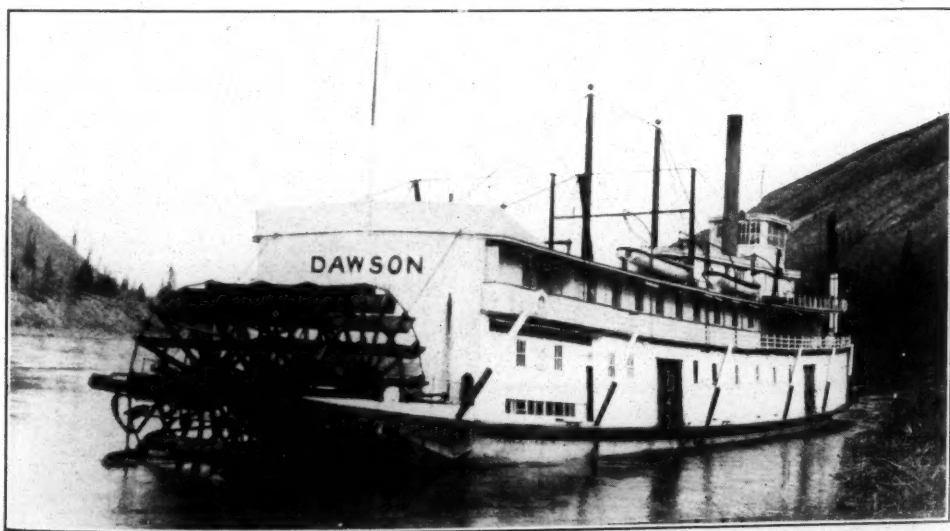
At daybreak deerskins soaked in gasoline were set on fire so that great spirals of smoke rose skyward. This was done in the hope of attracting the attention of those on board the *Nascopie*. The plan proved eminently successful, for about seven o'clock on Friday morning the officer on the bridge of the rescue ship saw the smoke on the horizon, and by nine o'clock the passengers and crew of the *Bayeskimo* were found in the boats and on the ice, and greeted the *Nascopie* with a rousing cheer. Thanks to the foresight of the Hudson's Bay Company, no lives were lost in this disaster, but it can be imagined what would have been the fate of those on the ice had there been only one ship making the voyage northward, or had the ships not been fitted with up-to-date wireless equipment.

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No man is worth his salt who is not ready at all times to risk his body, to risk his well-being, to risk his life, in a great cause.—*Theodore Roosevelt*.

Think and speak only of that which you wish to happen. Magnify the good; emphasize that which has worth, and talk only of those things that should live and grow. When you have something good to say, say it. When you have something ill to say, say something else.—*Christia D. Larson*.



Transportation in British Columbia District
White Pass Steamboat on Yukon River. Photo by Wm. Ware

Farewell to Moose Factory

By the Late CHIEF FACTOR JAS. L. COTTER (1874)

Adieu, thou lonely little island,
Thou not unpleasant scrap of dry land;
Ye banks and braes of mud, to you
Without regret I bid adieu.
Adieu, ye walks both east and west.
'Tis hard to say which pleases best.
For, in Summer, Pointe aux Poules
Catches the wandering breezes cool;
But when it's blowing hard from sea,
Why then the other road for me.
In one respect at least you're ties;
That is, your multitudes of flies.
I am not partial, so I say
Each is delightful in its way.

Adieu, thou pretty poplar grove.
No more beneath thy shade I'll rove.
I'll not forget thee; thou shalt live
Immortal in my negative.
Adieu, thou workshops full of men—
When shall I see your like again.

Adieu, my table; great should be
My sense of gratitude to thee.
The debt is deeper, truth to say,
Than I can ever hope to pay.
Throughout the Winter long and cold
My books and papers thou didst hold;
Far past the midnight hour I've read
With elbows stuck upon thy head.
When I for want of sleep was blinking,
Thou hast remained unmoved, unshrinking;
Nor seemed to think thy duty a toil
Though dim the lamp and the porpoise oil
Sputtered and fizzled around the wick,
From which there issued a smoke so thick
That all was gloom and a smell arose
Suited no doubt to a "Husky's" nose.

But what is this to all the rhymes—
That long and grim array of crimes
Which I without remorse have poured
Over thy unoffending board.
Still hast thou borne with steady limb
Thy master's sole but dreary whim;
Nor once hast offered to complain
Or creak aloud as if in pain—
O, truly, this appears to me
By far the brightest point in thee.
How rare, how very rare, the friend
Who'd hear one's couplets to the end,
And who within his soul would not
Condemn the whole as perfect rot.
I reckon it among our mercies
That *all* the world does not write verses.

Adieu, ye bitter guard-room quarrels;
Adieu, ye friendly porter barrels;
Your finest broach, though good and
brisk, I
Like not half as well as whiskey.
Adieu, ye geese that twine in brine;
To say the least, you're not divine;
Or if the gods were wont to dine

On you, their taste was not like mine.
No matter where the fates decree
That I should rove by land or sea,
Whether I'm destined still to range
From coast to coast in endless change,
Or moor my barque in silent bay
To pass unvarying years away,
Whate'er shall be my earthly lot
Your flavour shall not be forgot.

Your nameless hue, your hairy skin,
Your general mien without, within;
The odour, surely all your own,
To other waterfowl unknown,
And round the room so sweetly blown.
Your various parts, your shattered wings,
Your legs—such horrid greasy things—
Your bosom slices cut with care
And taught a tempting look to wear.
Your "parson's noses" which confess
Tails truly, sad and featherless,
And destined never more to shake
Above the fen, the stream, the lake—
All, all shall linger in my mind
And leave a changeless trace behind.

By all the gods that lived of yore,
When I have left this flattened shore—
It may be to return no more—
I never will or can forget
The strongest, strangest food I've met.
No lapse of time, no change of sky,
Shall blot you from my memory.
Adieu, ye dinners bad and good;
I'd sound your praises if I could.
Yet, I'll not run you down in verse,
Lest some day soon I meet with worse.

But now I touch another strain,
Too high perchance for me to gain,
Too far beyond the modest flights
In which alone my muse delights—
Of houses and of food to prate,
To tell of things inanimate,
To harp upon a comic string
And all around the verses fling,
Careless of who may hear us sing,
And half in earnest, half in jest,
Trace what may suit the fancy best,
Indifferent to the blame or praise
Which all save dearest friends might raise,
To aim at only rhyme and sense,
Nor make to poetry pretense—
All this the dullest brain might do;
With very slight exertion, too.

But when this easy road we leave
And try to make the pinion cleave
The regions where the poets move
Among the shining spheres above:
When human beings claim our care
With all the hues the mind can wear,
The hopes, the fears that fill the breast,
The sympathies that in it rest,

The thousand shades of thought that roll
In ceaseless change athwart the soul:
When such we would attempt to sing,
In pain we droop the wearied wing
And own, without the fear of scorn,
The poet is not made, but born.

If, haply, in what follows here
I fail to please the friendly ear
Of that select and valued few
To whom I sadly bid adieu,
Oh! let them not esteem me vain
That I should strike so high a strain,
Nor lightly this my lay condemn
Which now I dedicate to them.
I have a wish that woos me on
To leave behind me when I'm gone
A something, were it e'er so small,
To save me from oblivion's pall—
Or for a day arrest its fall—
Which, while it told of hours that were,
Within *some* memories might stir
A gentle thought, and o'er the past
A transient gleam of gladness cast.
What more is needed? Let this be
My best, my sole apology.

Farewell, my friends, the time draws near
When I your sunny isle must leave.
But if I did not hold you dear,
This heart would find no cause to grieve;
For who could ever love the spot,
Altho' it might be bright and fair,
Where friendship's kindly glow was not
To cheer us as we lingered there.
I grieve, but not to quit the strand,
Though I must seek a wilder land
And go perchance to meet my fate
Upon a shore most desolate.
The sadness which now wraps my heart
Is there because we soon must part,
Is there because, altho' I'd fain
Cherish the hope to meet again,
A voice within still whispers o'er,
When once we part we meet no more.

And when, on looking calmly back,
I scan the long and varied track
Which hitherto it has been mine
To travel o'er in shade and shine,

No fairer portion meets my view
Than that which I have trod with you.
If here at all throughout the world
Dark clouds from time to time were hurled
Across the way and on the scene
Cast shadows where no shade had been,
The genial smile, the pleasant word,
Which I so often saw and heard,
The confidence reposed in me—
Not pinched or scant, but full and free—
The kindness with which you sought
A frequent interchange of thought,
And other things which all would tend
To show you viewed me as a friend,
Broke through the darkness with a ray
That chased the blackest clouds away;
And if I was depressed and sad,
I found a balm to make me glad,
Which soothed and made me feel less lone
When those most near and dear were gone.
The wifeless hearth, the childless room—
By it were robbed of half their gloom:
The sunless and the sombre air
That everything appeared so near,
And woke a feeling like despair,
Owned to its power, when in each eye
I read the tale of sympathy.

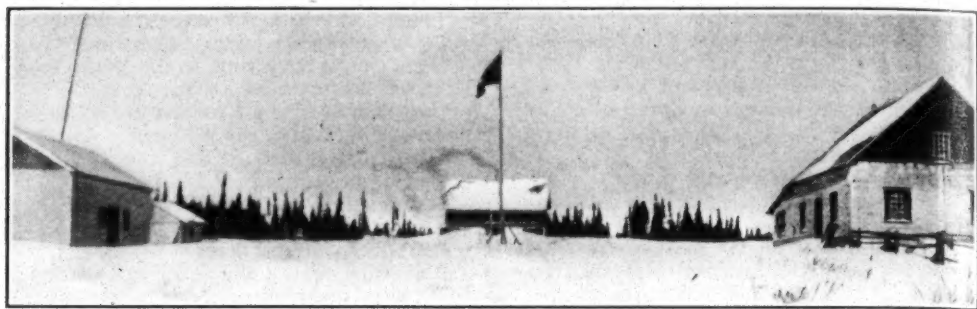
Enough, I'll not detain you more,
Nor tell your many virtues o'er:
The deepest feelings in the breast
Are those least easily expressed—
Their depth is sometimes better guessed.
Perchance when only half confessed.
I go, but ere I go, consent
To take my verses as they're meant;
Not as an over-wrought parade
Vainly conceived, in folly made,
Of counted feet and jingling rhymes
Written to cheat you with their chimes,
But as an honest tale and true,
An offering made from me to you.
A tribute far below the worth
Of those whose goodness gave it birth,
A poem, lay, or what you will,
Without a claim to merit, still
Possessed of one redeeming trait
To wipe its many faults away;
Which, as you cannot fail to see,
Is found in its sincerity.



Unveiling Tablet Commemorating Treaty No. 1 at Lower Fort Garry

Commr. C. H. French, Judge F. W. Howay, F. G. Simpson, Hon. D. G. McKenzie, Prof. Chester Martin

F. G. Simpson, son of Wemyss M. Simpson, unveiling tablet. Surviving natives of Treaty No. 1 in foreground.



H B C Posts, Keewatin District

No. 13—God's Lake Post

By S. J. C. CUMMING, District Manager

GOD'S LAKE post is situated on an island twelve miles from the south end of God's lake, which is connected by God's river with Shamattawa river, a tributary of the Hayes river. The post was transferred to its present site in 1922, and previous to that was located about thirty miles farther north. It would appear that the post was first established about fifty years ago to take care of a band of Indians who originally came from Trout lake, Oxford House, and Hudson Bay.

The principal language used is Cree, although quite a number use the Salteaux dialect. The band numbers about three hundred and sixty, and they are an industrious and interesting people. The Indian name for God's lake is *Manitou Sagahagin*, meaning "Lake of the God," or "Great Spirit." The Indians have many interesting legends in connection with the lake and surrounding country, which are very beautiful. Many high wooded hills with thickly treed valleys surround the lake, which itself is dotted with hundreds of islands. The great spirits of the beaver and otter are popularly supposed by the Indians to inhabit two very prominent hills in the neighbourhood of the lake. The lake is about sixty miles in length, and is well stocked with many varieties of fresh water fish.

The United Church of Canada has had a mission at God's lake for the past thirty years, the present missionary being Rev. E. J. Lake. The Roman Catholic Church has also recently established a mission at this point, under the direction of Rev. Father Dubeau.

All freight is transported in Summer by canoe from Norway House via the Eschimamish creek, Robinson lake, Porcupine river and Touchwood river to God's lake. Many portages have to be negotiated *en route*.

Garden produce, such as potatoes, beets, turnips, carrots and cabbage, can be grown almost every year with success.

The managers during the past twenty-five years were, A. Swain, H. L. Belcher, C. H. M. Gordon, A. C. Clark, A. W. Anderson, D. A. McIvor, Hugh Fraser and Robert Walker.

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Go out,
As a canoe
Over still waters
Into the dawn.
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As the ripples that wing o'er the
surface,
Joy shall come down, and so softly
Press her cool hands to thy tired
eyes,
As the mists of the marshes
Rising to heaven.
Go out,
O thou Spirit,
As a canoe
Over still waters
Into the morning.

—Marcile.

*Vancouver*

ANNUAL PICNIC

Sports events, basket lunches and hours of sunshine beside sparkling sea waters took the place of sales talks and the varied duties of a business day when members of the Hudson's Bay Company Employees' Association and their friends and families, numbering approximately 2,000, celebrated the annual picnic and field day of the organization at Sechelt, Wednesday.

Leaving the Union Steamship dock at 9 a.m., two boats, the *Lady Alexandra* and the *Lady Cecilia*, transported the merry crowd to the British Columbia coast resort, where a basket lunch was enjoyed. The sports programme started immediately after lunch and continued until about five o'clock. An orchestra aboard each boat furnished music for dancing, and

a dance was held in the tea room at Sechelt in the afternoon.

Executives, department managers and clerks all took part in the twenty-four events on the sports programme, and Mr. P. J. Parker, general manager, personally saw that every member of his staff was having a maximum of enjoyment.

Members of the employees' association paid a tribute to the untiring efforts of H. R. P. Gant, picnic convener, who was largely responsible for the excellent manner that the social part of the day was conducted.

Picnic officials for the day were: Judges, P. J. Parker, G. A. H. Porte, T. Hargreaves; J. F. Newson, M. Evoy, L. L. McCanse; starter, R. C. Scibird; assistant starter, W. France; announcer, T. Warden; recorder of results, F. S. Garner; grounds and sports committee, R. H. Leaney (chairman), E. Rodgers, M. Rice, E. Harrison, M. Sweet, Mrs. K. Desmond, Messrs. G. Shipp, H. Stevenson, T. Warden, D. Campbell, A. V. Stedham, F. Ward, D. Robinson, H. F. Orr; social committee, E. S. Morley (chairman), G. McFarlane, E. M. Paull, B. Blake, S. Storey, M. McCary, Mrs. H. Holbeach, Messrs. L. F. Frayer, F. A. Wilson, G. D. Mitchell, E. Purdy, D. Dale, N. W. Douglas, J. H. Cossey, C. M. Poole, W. H. Sharpe, W. Crook; picnic convener, H. R. P. Gant.

Officers of Association

Officers of the Hudson's Bay Company Employees' Association, as announced on the annual staff picnic programme, for 1929 are: Patron, Governor Charles V. Sale; honorary president, James Thomson; honorary vice-presidents, A. H. Doe and C. H. French; president, P. J. Parker; vice-presidents, G. A. H. Porte, H. R. P. Gant and F. Herbert; secretary-treasurer, F. A. Wilson.

Executives of the Hudson's Bay Company and chairmen of committees for the day paid a tribute to the officers of the Union Steamship boats, *Lady Alexandra* and *Lady Cecilia*, which included Captain John Boden, Purser A. W. Newman and Chief Steward H. Audley, of the *Alexandra*, and Captain N. Gray, Purser S. Hunter and Chief Steward G. Gardner, of the *Cecilia*, for the efficient manner in which they handled the large crowd of picnickers. Dr. Taylor Henry accompanied the party as Company physician.

BUYERS' MOVEMENTS

A. J. Gilbert, buyer of the gloves, hosiery and umbrella departments, has recently returned from a buying trip in the eastern markets.

J. S. Smith, S. R. I. P. Ellis, and J. H. South, of the lower main economy floor, have recently returned from the eastern markets. While there they made extensive purchases for their respective departments and have returned full of enthusiasm and confident that business for the coming season will be better than ever.

David Dale, buyer of the men's furnishings, and A. E. Dunn, buyer of silks, dress goods and staples, are making plans for an early departure for the eastern markets.

H. O. Teasdale, buyer of men's and boys' clothing, is away visiting the eastern markets.

E. Andrews, buyer blouses and sportswear, has recently returned from the European markets.

M. Francis, buyer millinery department, is at present in the eastern markets.

E. Furman, buyer of coats and dresses, has just returned from Europe.

LOWER MAIN ECONOMY FLOOR

Miss Grahame, of the millinery department, economy floor, is back with us.

We are glad to welcome Mrs. McQuaig, late of the Calgary store, who is now in the men's furnishings department.

Extensive preparations are being made for the annual birthday sale of the lower main economy floor. This celebration takes place on September 13. Good luck, and we hope you break all records.

M. Low, manager meats and provision departments, has now returned to the store. Although not fully recovered, Mr. Low is certainly looking much better, and we are all pleased that he is able to be with us again.

M. Bishop, who was formerly with us in the grocery department, is back, and we are all very pleased to welcome her.

A wedding of considerable interest to the members of the grocery and allied departments took place on July 26, when E. Legge, of the cashiers' section, became the bride of Bert Bennett, of the groceteria stockroom. Best wishes to them for their happiness and prosperity in the future.

Bill Goodridge, of the groceteria stockroom, is leaving us to take a position at Riverside, California.

MAIN FLOOR

James Ramsay, of the men's furnishings, has been transferred to floor manager on the main floor.

Much interest has been shown in the information booth installed on the main floor for the convenience of visitors. Besides being a place from which information can be obtained, the booth is used for the display of curios composed mostly of Indian novelties, and has proved a source of great interest and attraction to visitors to Vancouver during the tourist season.

J. Hyslop has been promoted to divisional merchandise manager of the main floor.

V. Roberts, formerly of Winnipeg, has been appointed manager of the stationery and book department.

D. Rodwell has joined the staff of the drug department. Miss Rodwell comes to us from the Hudson's Bay Company at Victoria.

Mrs. M. Barry, of the elevator operator staff, has left to reside in Kamloops.

Nellie Pollard is back with us.

M. Waldon, of the messenger department, has been transferred to the elevator operator staff, and Miss M. Chappell is also a new arrival.

Margery Locke, until recently elevator starter, has severed her connection with the Company. Before leaving, her co-workers on the elevator operator staff presented her with a beautiful cake basket. Our best wishes go with her.

Frank Deisley, until recently head inspector, has left for Southern California. Prior to his departure he was presented with a handsome wardrobe trunk as an expression of good will from his many friends in the store.

SECOND FLOOR

We are pleased to welcome Mrs. Greve to the boys' furnishing department. Mrs. Greve comes to us from Olds, Wortman & King, of Portland.

Welcome back to "Ben" Rose, of the dress goods, silks and staples, who is now with us after a recent operation.

Mrs. G. Rutherford, manageress of the sewing machine department, is making a trip to Chicago. On her way east she will stop off at Calgary and Winnipeg to assist in the opening of the new sewing machine departments at those stores. Mrs. Bernice Green has been appointed as assistant to Mrs. Rutherford to take the place of Mrs. Bennett, who has been transferred to Victoria to take charge of the sewing machine department recently opened there.

Best wishes to Nancy Ledger, of the wool department, who became the bride of S. Jackson on the 23rd of May last. Mr. and Mrs. Jackson are residing on Vancouver Island.

E. A. Corps has been appointed floor manager on the second floor.

THIRD FLOOR

The third floor welcomes Miss Lowery to the coat department. Regret the departure of Miss McKay, coat department, who has taken up business in the south.

Mrs. Graham has also gone south.

We all extend our sympathy to Miss Diamant and Mrs. Bagot, who have been absent for some time through sickness.

What a pleasant surprise to welcome Chrissie Smith, late of the ready-to-wear department, on holiday from Tranquille Sanatorium for two weeks.

Mr. Francis, of the millinery department, has gone east.

Miss Warren, buyer of the infants and children's wear, combined a very interesting vacation and buying trip in the east.

Regret the departure of Miss Humphries, late of the children's department, taking a new post in San Francisco.

Surprised to learn that Miss Ashworth, of the fur department, was held in the Mexico jail pending inquiries. No wonder the fur department looked good to her on her return.

FOURTH FLOOR

Edgar Horniblow, of the china packing room, has left, after five years' service with the Company. We wish him every success.

Gertrude MacFarlane, our store nurse, was the honoured guest at a very jolly surprise party and shower held recently, her many friends in the store taking advantage of the completion of her new home in West Vancouver to stage a celebration. Mrs. Hamilton graciously loaned the use of her home and lawn for the serving of the supper, and after a very enjoyable repast served amid ideal surroundings the guests adjourned to Miss MacFarlane's home, when the gifts were presented to her, amid great laughter and fun. One of the gifts took the form of a very beautiful French Wilton rug of Tabriz design. Miss MacFarlane was also the recipient of a number of other very useful gifts. The evening was spent in singing and dancing, and all of us voted it a wonderful evening. Among those present were: M. Hardy, E. Andrew, E. M. Paull, E. Wickens, A. Ashworth, Ethyl Thompson, A. K. Smith, B. Jamieson, E. S. Morley, A. M. Deacon, E. Martin, D. Miles, P. Hodge, Nan Baker, O. Kelly, S. L. McLean, P. Hindmarsh, B. Paull, E. Findlay, B. Blake, T. Thompson, O. Leman, N. Crump, Cheeseman, M. McWilliams, Sadie Hamilton, I. Shannon, F. Hansford, Mrs. G. Morrison, Mrs. Holbeck, Mrs. Percival, Mrs. J. S. Paull, Mrs. Young, Mrs. Carruthers, Mrs. Dunham, Mrs. Colquhoun, Mrs. O'Hara, Mrs. W. Hamilton, Mrs. G. Crump, Mrs.

Thayer, Mrs. Henson, Mrs. B. Smeaton, Mrs. F. Metcalfe.

FIFTH FLOOR

We are sorry to report that J. MacPherson, of the furniture department, is still on the sick list.

Miss Doris Blake, of the credit department, was a recent bride. Before her departure from the store she was presented with a handsome silver basket filled with flowers and a carving set. Miss Blake was also the guest at a shower given in her honour by her co-workers in the credit department. The many useful gifts were presented in a fancy decorated automobile, after which a "mock wedding" was held and was the cause of much fun and hilarity. Those taking part were: Ethyl Thompson (minister), G. Dandy (father), I. Wells (mother), D. Rennie (bride), A. Gray (groom), C. Collins (best man), M. McIntyre (ring bearer), Annie Gordon (bridesmaid). The rest of the evening was spent in games and music.

Mrs. E. Woodall, cashier in the hardware department, left the store in July and is on an extended visit to Winnipeg and other points in Eastern Canada. Before leaving, Mr. Crump, on behalf of the hardware department, presented Mrs. Woodall with a string of crystal beads.

A. Carwell, of the hardware department, won the extra week's vacation with pay given to the sales person making the largest percentage during the May sale.

SIXTH FLOOR

We welcome Pauline Hodge to the accounting office. Pauline was transferred from the superintendent's office to fill the position vacated by Edith Sparks.

J. Pollock is also a new member of the accounting office staff.

The wedding of Elsie Phillifant was solemnized at Grandview Baptist church on June 26. On the eve of her departure, she was presented with a handsome clock. Among the many affairs given in honour of Elsie Phillifant was a miscellaneous shower given by Lilian Cassidy at the home of her parents, 561 West Twentieth. The colours of mauve and yellow were used throughout the rooms. Little Jeanette Cassidy presented the gifts to the bride. The guests were: Mrs. Cassidy, Mrs. Phillifant, Mrs. Towel, Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. Quorn, Mrs. Hosgood, Mrs. Love, M. Payne, I. Bunch, M. Cassidy, E. Sparks, I. Taylor, M. Draper, E. Fraser, E. McWilliams, E. Martin, E. Hansford, V. Jennings, C. MacDonald, K. Sproat, C. Mayne, I. Smith, E. Hodge, R. Wilks, R. Payne, L. Cassidy, M. Griffiths, B.

Head, A. Parker, J. Hoare, M. Clay, P. Hindmarsh, B. Paull and K. Lewis.

Violet Fogwell left the audit department to take up duties in the south. Before leaving, she was presented with a diary.

The audit department welcome Bessie Carrell and Josie Wheeler.

Violet Jennings was transferred from the audit department to the accounts payable department.

G. F. Klein, until recently controller at the Vancouver store, has been transferred to the chief accountant's office at Winnipeg. Our best wishes go with him. We all miss his genial smile, and will be glad to welcome him should it be necessary for him to visit Vancouver.

Martin Evoy has been appointed general merchandise manager at the Vancouver store. Before coming to us, Mr. Evoy gained extensive experience in his previous connections. Some of the positions held by Mr. Evoy were: Buyer with Todd & Burns Company, Dublin, Ireland, also buyer Lord & Taylor, New York, and with MacDougall Southwick for a period of eleven years buying and merchandising for seven departments, and one and a half years with the May Company.

Edith Findlay, of the general manager's office, is now back.

P. J. Parker, our general manager, visited Seattle recently. While there, he attended the opening of the new "Bon Marche."

Vacation time is with us, and many members of our staff have spent very enjoyable times at the wonderful holiday resorts in British Columbia, as well as at points farther afield. They are all returning looking very fit.

Although the weather has been very hot, our August sale of home furnishings is showing a nice increase over last year. The radio department put over a one-day sale of \$12,000 on Monday, the twelfth, and an unusual event has been planned for the oriental rug department, commencing August 22.

SPORT

Softball—Two teams were entered by us in the city league, one ladies' and one men's. The ladies' team has not won a great number of games, but those lost have only been by the smallest margin. It is their first year in senior company and they have made a good impression, and have certainly had lots of fun. The men's branch has been more successful, and was only beaten out of the play-off in the last few games.

Bowling—Alley bowling has been one of the most popular games, and in the past season the store five-pin league has produced some great battles. The office team

was successful in overcoming all opposition, and not only won the league cup and prize, but also cleaned up on the other teams in a special series after the league was completed. In the Abbott Commercial ten-pin league our store team was once more successful in taking the league championship.

Golf—This season's golf activities have been carried on with renewed vigour and all competitions to date have received splendid support. Many new and enthusiastic players have joined the ranks. Mr. Scibird, our store manager, generously donated a handsome cup for yearly competition, which trophy was won by S. D. Wilson, manager of the shoe departments, after a hard fought battle. Two monthly competitions were also held prior to competing for this cup. N. Douglas, manager of the art needlework department, capturing the first, and D. Dale, manager of the men's furnishings, being returned winner in the second event.

Wednesday, August 14, play was commenced for the silver cup donated for yearly competition by Governor C. V. Sale, and promises to be a very keen affair. The following players are still in the running for possession of this splendid trophy: D. Dale, W. Bunting, N. Douglas, L. Frayer, J. S. Smith, T. Hargreaves, H. A. Stone, A. Thompson and D. Beattie.

***Cricket**—With the season almost over, the cricket team has had many enjoyable games. Although we are not so far up the league table as we would like to be, we have made a very creditable showing, some of the games having been lost by a very small margin of runs. In the league tournament we have won three games, lost eight and drawn two, with two games more to play. In the Shelly cup competition, which takes place at the end of the league season, we are drawn against the Crown cricket club and hope to make a better showing in this competition. With Sid Ward as captain and Harry Orr as secretary, the team has kept together all season and the boys have declared they have had a very enjoyable time, which after all is the main feature of the sport.

Tennis—Considerable interest has been shown in the recent tennis tournament. There were six entries for the ladies' singles, and seventeen for the men's singles. Mrs. M. McGraw, of the music department, was the winner of the ladies' singles, with Miss Bishop as runner-up. The men's singles have not yet been decided. In the ladies' doubles, Miss Main and Miss Brocklesby were the winners, and the men's deciding match was won by Boone and Jackman, of the wholesale department. The mixed doubles were won by Mrs. M. McGraw and Mr. Howard.



Victoria

ANNUAL PICNIC AT DEEP COVE

Between five and six hundred were present at the eighth annual picnic held on Wednesday, August 7, at Deep Cove. The Company granted the staff a full day's holiday, and at 9.30 the first of a big fleet of tally-hos left the city.

The picnickers were driven to the grounds in time to enjoy a soft-ball game and a swim before noon.

Under the fine management of B. L. Bond, assisted by his staff, a splendid luncheon was served about noon, after which the sports events were run off.

Owing to the large attendance, entries were heavy and competition keen in all sports events. Scoring a total of eleven points, Don Fish took first honours in the aggregate competition and won the special cup donated by the Governor of the Hudson's Bay Company, Mr. Charles V. Sale.

K. Freestone and Phyllis Butts tied for first honours in the ladies' aggregate, so two special races were run, the first resulting in a dead heat and the second in a win for Miss Butts, who was awarded the A. J. Watson cup for the ladies' best aggregate.

Exceptionally keen competition was shown in the one-hundred-yards sprints for men and women. In the former, Maurice Woodley breasted the tape just eight inches ahead of Don Fish, while in the latter event Kay Freestone and M. Relf crossed the finish in a dead heat. In the re-run of the event Miss Freestone won a close decision.

In the entry for men over forty-five years, A. Harris won with a margin of five yards.

Chris Usher splashed his way to victory over Jimmy Washington in a close race for the men's aquatic honours, while E. Matthews led Phyllis Butts to the finish by a slight margin in the ladies' event.

G. Baker and J. Relf finished first in the boys' and girls' swimming races respectively.

Great amusement was provided by the bun eating contest, in which the competitors had to gnaw their way through a stale bun and run twenty-five yards.

In addition to this, wheelbarrow races, four-legged events, "Return of Jiggs," sack races and many other humorous competitions added greatly to the hilarity.

Particularly keen competition was shown in the tug-of-war contests, both in men's and women's divisions.

After supper, Mrs. A. J. Watson presented prizes to the various winners. During the ceremony, Mr. Watson awarded cups to the members of the Hudson's Bay football team for their showing in the Wednesday League last season. The team then presented a cup to Dick Eaton, manager of the eleven, in token of appreciation for the work he had done in coaching the squad during the winter.

Following supper, the picnickers danced on the tennis court to radio music.

Great credit is due to those in charge of arrangements for the success they achieved.

Prizes were donated by the following: Mrs. Abbott, Miss Grimason, Messrs. Ford, Saul, A. J. Watson, Horne, Banner, McBain, Woollard, Bond, Wilkinson, Hunter, Smith, Griffin, W. H. Smith, Florence, Spratt, Savage, Kidd, Hansen, Martin, Wilson, Davidson, Buckman, Johnson, G. Hibberd, Edgecombe, H. B. E. A. and C. Nichols.

The grounds committee comprised W. R. McIntosh, L. Fea, P. Shrimpton, C. Nichols, S. Raven, R. Scott and W. Williamson. Transportation was directed by J. Grant, F. McConnell, R. Gahagan, S. Campion and C. Gold.

The judges were J. S. Horne, A. S. Woollard, C. Banner, O. C. Clark, W. T. Edgecombe; announcer, A. Haines; clerk of course, R. Eaton.

Results

Wheelbarrow race—1, P. Butts and W. Rose; 2, B. Armstrong and W. Norris; 3, M. Philbrook and D. Fish.

Boys' race, six to nine—1, S. Clark; 2, N. Coates; 3, B. Court.

Girls' race, six to nine—1, P. Moore; 2, V. Hart; 3, R. Martin.

Boot and coat—1, D. Fish; 2, G. Wharf; 3, F. G. Hooper.

Boys' race, nine to twelve—1, R. McVey; 2, D. Muir; 3, J. O'Connor.

Girls' race, nine to twelve—1, M. Emery; 2, L. Johnson; 3, S. Watson.

Bun eating contest—1, K. Morris; 2, K. Martin; 3, P. Homes.

Married ladies' race—1, Mrs. G. W. Bridghouse; 2, Mrs. E. Johnson; 3, Mrs. B. Armstrong.

Men's sack race—1, C. Usher; 2, D. Fish; 3, J. Washington.

Ladies' sack race—1, K. Martin; 2, K. Freestone; 3, A. Borde.

Men's race, 45 years—1, A. Harris; 2, O. Connell; 3, J. Hopkins.

Four-leg race—1, F. W. Rose; 2, D. Fish; 3, S. Raven.

Ladies' 100 yards—1, K. Freestone; 2, M. Relf; 3, Butler.

Men's 100 yards—1, M. Woodley; 2, D. Fish; 3, W. Norris.

Centipede race—1, K. Washington and W. Norris; 2, French and Harris; 3, Williamson and McDonald.

Messengers' race—1, G. McDonald; 2, A. Borde; 3, F. S. Hooper.

Three-leg race—1, M. Woodley and P. Butts; 2, S. Raven and K. Freestone; 3, D. Fish and W. Hall.

Return of Jiggs—1, P. Hamilton; 2, J. W. Berry; 3, A. Mellor.

Thread needle—1, E. Matthews and C. Usher; 2, R. Freestone and S. Raven; 3, M. Woodley and P. Butts.

Tire Removing—1, L. Fea, 1 min. 45 sec.; 2, H. Smith, 2 min. 40 sec.; 3, C. Jasper, 2 min. 48 sec.

Tug-of-war, men—Chambers, Kroeger, O'Neil, Champion, Chappell, McKie.

Tug-of-war, ladies (married)—Pollock, Brown, Hanes, Ricketts, Hamilton, O'Connor, Coates, Chambers.

Men's swimming—1, C. Usher; 2, J. Washington; 3, B. Atkinson.

Ladies' swimming—1, E. Matthews; 2, P. Butts.

Boys', twelve to sixteen—1, G. Baker; 2, B. French; 3, E. Blakeway.

Girls', twelve to sixteen—1, J. Relf; 2, W. Hall; 3, B. Smith.

Porters' 100-yard race—1, Coates; 2, Simmonds; 3, Coe.

Drivers' 100-yard race—1, Hamilton; 2, Williamson; 3, Fea.

GENERAL SPORTS

Football—After a hard season our boys finished up by securing the Wednesday Football League championship and coveted Pendray cup. They were also in the final for the McKay shield, only losing the trophy by an overtime match. Each member of the team is to be congratulated upon recording so splendid a performance. The following are the names of the players: P. Shrimpton (captain), G. Gardner, J. Armstrong, E. Kerchin, M. Woodley, J. Oakman, R. Addie, D. Fish, C. Hamar, W. Cull, B. Atkinson, T. Obee, R. Mair.

At a banquet tendered by the Wednesday League Football Association, the Pendray Cup was handed over to Percy Shrimpton, the captain, by Sam Davidson, secretary of the Dominion Football Association.

Cricket—We have had a very successful season so far, losing the first half by only nine runs. At the end of the second half we hope to be on the top.

Softball—Here again the store may well be proud of its doughty athletes, for the softball players lost the league championship by only one point.

Lawn Bowls—At the time of going to press, the lawn bowlers are in the middle

of the store championship games. Competitions are keen and enjoyable. Lawn bowls are proving an attraction to the ladies as well as the men.—A. S. Woollard.

STORE EXTENSIONS

Construction work has been completed on the addition to the Victoria store and already the new sections are being occupied by various departments.

The stock rooms have been moved up to the fourth floor, the hardware and crockery departments will find a new home on the third floor, while the art needlework department occupies a new position on the second floor. These are just a few of the changes that are taking place before everything is ship-shape once again.

VISITORS

Hon. A. J. P. Howard, a director of Hudson's Bay Company from London, England, accompanied by Mr. F. R. Peirson, acting secretary of the Canadian Committee, visited the Victoria store during the early part of July.

Another welcome visitor to the Victoria store was Mr. Chief Factor C. H. French, fur trade commissioner, who with Mrs. French was spending the holiday season at Cordova Bay.

After being in the Company's service since the opening of the Victoria store, Agnes Landers, cashier, has left to join the ranks of matrimony. She has the best wishes of every member of the staff.

J. G. Saul is now in charge of the drug department, having been appointed to that position in place of A. R. Minnis.



Kamloops

We have again to record changes in our ready-to-wear department. M. Hayward has left and Mrs. A. W. Campbell is now in charge of the department.

D. Price has taken up the position of buyer in the house furnishings department. Old employees of the Company will no doubt remember Mr. Price as manager of the Company's store at Portage la Prairie immediately before it was destroyed by fire.—J. K. Hill.



Vernon

L. Livingstone, buyer of our ready-to-wear department, left on Sunday, August 4, on a visit to her home at Winnipeg. After spending a few days with friends, she will proceed to Toronto, Montreal and New York to make purchases for her department.

We welcome Jas. Tullett, who is acting as assistant in departments piece goods and fancy goods.

WEDDING BELLS

One of the most interesting social events of the early summer season took place in All Saints church, Vernon, during the leafy month of June, when Violet Abell Saddleton, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pout, became the bride of Hector Allen, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Richmond, all of this city.

The service was fully choral, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. A. J. Doull, Bishop of Kootenay, assisted by Rev. H. C. B. Gibson, the rector.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the home of the bride.

The popular young couple received many beautiful gifts from their friends. They spent their honeymoon at Pender Harbour on the coast.—C. C. Packman.



Nelson

E. Leslie, of the dry goods department, severed her connections with the store recently after twelve years of service. She left on account of ill health. On the

day of her departure, the members of the staff made a presentation to her.

Russell Valentine and Norman Beattie are two new members of our staff.

M. Phillips and A. Kerr are now on duty in the ladies' wear department. Both are newcomers to the store.

We can now boast of a girls' hiking club. Two hikes recently made were to Pulpit Rock and the Athabasca mine. With the thermometer registering 92 degrees in the shade, these were real endurance tests. Those who took part were: E. Sutcliffe, Q. German, M. Phillips, M. Potosky, J. Potosky, and D. Magnuson.

T. Heddle, of the office staff, left us last month after five years' service. A presentation of a silk kimono and a bouquet of carnations tied with our Hudson's Bay Company's colours was made to her.

J. and M. Potosky are spending their vacation in Vancouver.

We welcome V. Bell. She is a new arrival in the dry goods section.

M. H. Callaghan, who is at present on vacation at the coast, expects to visit Nanaimo before she returns. While there she will have the chance to see the bastion, part of one of the old Hudson's Bay forts.
—D. Magnuson.



Calgary

ANNUAL FIELD DAY

Over two hundred members of the Hudson's Bay Employees' Welfare Association participated in the sixteenth annual field day of the organization at their own grounds at Parkdale Field.

Many athletic events featured the day. The prizes were awarded each winner by Mrs. F. M. Johnston, wife of the honorary vice-president of the association.

Immediately after the distribution of prizes, the refreshment hall in the club house was cleared of the tables and dancing was enjoyed.

Race Winners

The winners of the various events were as follows:

- Men's 100-yard dash—1, R. Duncan;
2, R. Harris.
Single ladies' race—1, M. Godlinton;
2, L. Fortier.
Boys' race, 75 yards—1, L. Houck; 2, C. Stampe.
Girls' race, 50 yards—1, J. Thomason;
2, D. Thomason.
Buyers' race—1, G. Benson; 2, D. Hicks.
Married ladies' race—1, Mrs. C. Guthrie;
2, Mrs. C. McKee.
Children's race, boys—1, L. Russel; 2, F. Hubbard. Girls—1, J. Thomason; 2, P. Hill.
Men's relay race—Won by the fifth floor, M. Dalton, A. Geddis and T. Lennox.
Ladies' relay race—Won by sixth floor, D. Buccini, W. Jolson and M. Godlinton.
Cigarette race—1, F. McCush; 2, H. Wainwright.
Sack race—1, R. Harris; 2, T. Lennox.

Golf Events

- Ladies' driving competition—Won by Mrs. S. McDowell.
Men's driving competition—Won by C. C. DeWitt.
Ladies' approaching and putting contest—Won by Miss Proctor.
Men's approaching and putting contest—Won by J. Borthwick.

Tennis Competition

- Mixed doubles—Won by Miss Purchase and Mr. Alrich.
Softball game—Won by team captained by H. S. A. Johnson.
Coupon drawing—A. DeVries, Mrs. A. Dodds, L. Cooke, L. E. Lussie, R. Ryder, J. Binnie, H. H. Saunders and Mrs. Briscoe.
The following were officials at the events: Clerk of course, H. S. A. Johnson; announcer, C. C. DeWitt; starters, G. Russell and R. G. Gillespie; judges, J. M. Curll, D. V. Hicks, and G. H. Benson.

SPORT

Girls' Softball—Great enthusiasm prevails in regard to the Hudson's Bay Company girls' softball team, which is battling its way to victory, winning the second half of the league by defeating Gibson's Academy, the winners of the first half. The first final game was between the Hudson's Bay and Gibson's Academy and won by the Hudson's Bay, 12-11. Two more games are to be played off for the championship and Bon-Ton cup.

The league consists of six teams. Hudson's Bay team is composed of: Captain and pitcher, B. Riddock; catcher, M. Coutts; first base, M. Law; second base, L. Hansen; third base, B. Forrest; short

stop, M. Godlinton; right field, J. Eyres; centre field, L. Tyler; left field, F. McCush; subs, J. Henderson, P. Wood and C. Baxter; coach, F. Hubbard.

We have the assurance of every member of the softball team that he is just as determined to go after fall business as he is the "Bon-Ton cup."

We welcome C. R. Freeland, who joins the Company as manager and buyer of our furniture, carpets and draperies, taking the place of C. A. Plowes, who has left the Company's services.—*L. H. Benjamin.*

*Lethbridge*

L. H. Benjamin, of the Calgary store, spent a couple of days at this branch assisting to install our new credit system.

We had a visit recently from H. R. P. Gant, of the zone manager's office.

We much regret the loss of F. E. Dodman, manager of our men's and boys' wear and boots and shoes departments, who returned to Montreal.

A. Funk, who has been absent for six weeks from the store, has returned and resumed her duties in the ladies' ready-to-wear department.

M. Rogers, who has been assisting in our ready-to-wear department, left a short time ago. Miss Rogers will teach school during the coming term.

The holiday season is now in full swing and by September we expect to have our staff in readiness for the fall season.

D. Frayne, of our house furnishings department, has returned after having spent an enjoyable holiday at the coast.

A. Scott, of the office, and J. Hughes, manager of the house furnishings department, are spending a vacation at the coast.

We welcome to our staff K. Levitt, who has accepted a position in the office.—*A. I. Garrick.*



Edmonton

The Edmonton store received a full measure of publicity in the parade arranged for Old-Timers' day at Edmonton exhibition. One of the most effective floats was that of **HBC** depicting pioneer life. F. E. Dynes, our manager, won the first prize for the best decorated motor car. It was a work of art and was enthusiastically praised.

J. Usher, formerly of the Winnipeg credit office, has been appointed manager of the credit department.

We welcome back H. L. Thorlaksson, accountant, who has been seriously ill.

Since the hot weather has moderated, a number of our employees have taken advantage of the splendid condition of the Hudson's Bay athletic grounds.

Hon. A. J. P. Howard, director of the Hudson's Bay Company, and R. Peirson, acting secretary Canadian Committee, Winnipeg, made a short call here on their way west.

B. Twitchell, our hardware manager, is the father of a baby boy.

Mrs. J. Martin, who was in charge of the millinery department, has resigned. She was presented with a china tea set.



F. E. Dynes' Prize Winner

K. Arnott, who was in charge of the hosiery department, has resigned.

T. B. Thomas-Peter, assistant accountant, spent his holidays at Vancouver.

At the time of writing, O. C. Johnston, merchandise manager, was in the eastern markets with W. J. Spencer, of the silks and staples departments, J. J. O'Brien, ready-to-wear, children's, underwear and millinery departments, F. Hooper, men's and boys' departments, C. Chubb, small-ware and hosiery departments.

We welcome the following members to the staff: D. Laveque, J. Montgomery, O. Mathieson, W. Foster, Wilfred Yukes, B. Kelly, E. Coldille, E. Mueller, Mrs. E. Ambrose, Mrs. C. Stuart.

The entire staff extends sympathy to Mrs. D. Ross in the loss of her mother.

The call of the open road was surely heard by five of the girls in the mail order, superintendent's office and advertising office when they took advantage of civic holiday on Monday, August 5, to motor to Banff. The party consisted of Eva Mayall, Mrs. A. W. Howe, Mamie Rankin, Doris Ferguson and Fannie Kerr. A good time was enjoyed by all.

We welcome back Frank Dechaney, of the shipping room, who has been absent for some time owing to serious illness.



HBC Float, Old-Timers' Day, Edmonton

STORE PICNIC

The question asked by the members of this store's staff is "Why did it have to rain on July 10, after one of the driest seasons on record?" There was practically no rain during June, with the crops in Edmonton district blistered under a blazing sun, and the day of our annual store picnic—did it rain? Ask those who attended!

A special train carried the picnickers to Alberta Beach. A great programme had been arranged, but before Alberta Beach was reached the storm had started. Of course the sports had to be called off.

Leo. V. Trimble, our store superintendent, always an ardent and ambitious golfer, has excelled himself this season by winning the following: Freeman cup, City handicap, Rutherford cup, two-ball four-some, runner-up Herald cup.—*J. P. McNichol.*



Yorkton

R. J. Gourley, member of the Canadian Committee, paid us a visit.

P. A. Chester and W. H. Cooke were visitors at the Yorkton store June 24.

We regret to report Ida Zimmer, of the dry goods department, is on the sick list. We hope she will soon be back.

The Hudson's Bay Company girls' soft ball team, under the management of Gordon Skinner and coaching of Eddie Bell, is enjoying a banner season. To date they have gone through a strenuous schedule, meeting defeat on one occasion only.

And then there is the boys' team. Under the management of Thor Hannesson, the Hudson's Bay Company Ramblers are doing splendidly. In the local Big Six league they have won eleven out of twelve games. This brings them into the final play-off. Batteries are G. Skinner and T. Parker.—*Winnifred Gilbert.*



Saskatoon

ANNUAL FAIR AND EXHIBITION

The Saskatoon annual fair and exhibition was held July 22 to 27, and was generally conceded to be a success, over 110,000 people having paid admission. The many visitors from surrounding districts showed great interest in the retail exhibits, and the many complimentary remarks bid well for fall business. The Hudson's Bay Company exhibits consisted of the furnished home complete; a special booth showing furs, "Point" blankets and ladies' ready-to-wear; a large display of Coffield washers and Beach stoves; a special booth in the ladies' building, where demonstrations were given of Hudson's Bay Company teas and coffees; also a special exhibit of the Beach furnace.

The Hudson's Bay Company 250th Anniversary Sale competition was entered into with great enthusiasm. The departments making the biggest increases were: drugs and stationery, carpets, corsets.

The Hudson's Bay Company employees' coal selling competition is well under way for the new fall and winter season. Last year the prize winners were: First prize, E. Miller; second prize, E. Errickson; third prize, K. Moar; consolation, M. Turnbull.

The Saskatoon H.B.E.A. annual picnic to Watrous is arranged for August 14.

W. Horrocks, J. K. Gilmour, D. McIver, R. A. Errington, J. Webster, M. E. MacDonald and E. Mawson have returned.

The new automobile parking space and gasoline filling station on the north side of the store are already being well used.

Congratulations to Mrs. P. Devine, a baby girl; Mrs. J. H. Johnson, a baby boy; Mrs. F. Skeldon, a baby girl.

Arthur Clark has just returned from England, and has been transferred from the receiving room to the general office.

Miss Schultz, of the hosiery department, is now known as Mrs. Sinclair.—*L. Jones.*



Winnipeg

HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY WELCOMES
VISITING "DOKEYS"

Winnipeg was host last week to 12,000 visiting "Dokeys," who were celebrating their nineteenth biennial convention and the first one ever held in Canada. The term "Dokey" is short for the "Dramatic Order of the Knights of Khorassan." Delegates have come from every section of the United States and Canada by special train, motorbus, and automobile.

The invasion came as the culmination of four years' effort on the part of the Winnipeg Temple of the Order to bring the biennial conference to this city. Winnipeg's geographical position and the attractions of the cooler climate were instrumental in gaining the 1929 convention for this city.

Leaders throughout the province were unanimous in welcoming the visitors to the city, and all expressed the hope that the Dokeys would take the opportunity of seeing the industries and natural resources of our province, and would carry back to the United States a clearer picture of our country.

Our store played an important part in the preparations for the Dokey convention. From the first, all possible assistance and co-operation was given to the convention committees. C. E. McBride, in charge of tourist work in the store, worked night and day to help the local Dokeys. For the last six months the store displayed an airplane on the fourth floor, which was given away as the principal convention prize.

Now that the convention is over, we are glad to know that the visitors had a good time, and we were especially pleased to see so many of them take advantage of the services of our store during their stay in Winnipeg.

BANQUET TO ANNIVERSARY SALE WINNERS

On May 28, W. H. Cooke, general manager, gave a dinner in the store restaurant to the winners of the anniversary sale

prizes. The prize winning departments were: First, furniture; second, ladies' furs; third, coal; fourth, tobacco. Each sales clerk in these departments received a welcome cash prize for the good work done during the sale. In addition, prizes were awarded to the twenty sales clerks throughout the store who made the best individual records. Prizes were also given to the drivers and telephone operators giving the best service during the anniversary sale.

Mr. Cooke, in presenting prizes, congratulated the winners and expressed the hope that our store would come to be known as "The Friendly Store," and that every employee would always strive to give courteous service to the public. Other speakers heard during the evening were: H. W. Anderson, advertising manager, and W. M. Holmes, sales promotion manager, both of whom appealed for close co-operation. The musical entertainment was ably looked after by Fitz Hughes, who contributed three solos and led the community singing.

ENTERTAINING TOURISTS

At this time of the year, tourists spend a lot of money in our store, and early in the year definite plans were made to secure as much of this business as possible. Instead of a central display of merchandise suitable for tourists, this year each department set up its own display, and as a result better service has been given.

Managers, assistants and section heads wear small rectangular badges bearing the words, "Tourist Information." Experience has shown that tourists have taken advantage of the chance of securing accurate information. In addition, a tourist booth is maintained on the main floor for giving information in regard to roads, trains, places of amusement and other matters of interest to visitors.

JUNIOR CLUB FASHION REVIEW

Our store assisted the Junior Club in its effort to raise money for social service in a cleverly planned fashion review and supper-dance early in June at the St. Charles Country Club. The programme of dances interspersed with dress tableaux attracted many people. The models were all members of the Junior Club, but the costumes were from the store, and the store display department was responsible for the unique setting. At one end of the room was a stage in modernistic black, its railings and approach outlined in silver, this colour being repeated at the back in the drop curtain of silver lance cloth. This was flanked with graduated pillars topped with crystal balls.

Every variety of costume was charmingly displayed, beginning with novel beach costumes and lounging pyjamas, followed

by sports clothes and town and country dresses, all with the correct and newest shoes and hats. The summer dance frocks were the ideal fashion of the moment, accentuating the latest weaves, dyes and styles. The programme concluded with a bridal party and a grand march, in which several models showed luxurious evening wraps in addition to their charming frocks.

SAFETY CAMPAIGN SUCCESSFUL

Increased motor traffic on city streets results in more motor accidents. This oft-repeated statement is not true as far as our store is concerned, for a survey of traffic accidents happening to our drivers and equipment since the safety campaign was inaugurated some months ago shows that the campaign is producing results and that preventable accidents are being reduced.

Since the committee took accident prevention in hand, eight general meetings of our drivers have been held and at five of these outside speakers addressed the men. Inspector Street of the city police force, in three meetings, explained the 1929 traffic rules, and A. E. Parker, of the Winnipeg Electric Company, told of the safety work being carried on by that company.

These meetings have resulted in greater thought and care being taken by our drivers, and as a consequence the number of preventable accidents has been materially reduced. In addition, all our drivers have suggested to the committee methods of reducing accidents still further.

OBITUARY

Our sincere sympathy is extended to H. W. Anderson, of the advertising department, on the loss of his wife, who passed away on August 11, after a short illness. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson and daughter were on holiday at Fair Hills resort, Minnesota, when Mrs. Anderson was taken ill and succumbed in Detroit Lakes hospital.

Her body was shipped to Winnipeg and services held on August 15 in First Presbyterian church, where a host of friends assembled to pay their last respects.

Her very cheerful nature and brave spirit will live long in the memory of many readers of *The Beaver*.

SPORT

Golf Competition

This summer has seen great interest in the royal and ancient game, due to the formation of a store golf tournament. An organization meeting was held May 28, T. F. Reith being elected chairman.

In all seventy-eight players registered and were given suitable handicaps. Two knock-out tournaments were arranged in

A and B groups, and after the first round those knocked out entered two consolation groups.

There are prizes for first and second players in A and B groups and for the winner of each consolation. At the end of the season the winners of A and B will play off for possession of a handsome cup and title of store champion. He will hold the cup for a year and be given a small replica as a permanent possession.

Splendid progress has been made and each week sees some excellent matches played. Already a winner has been declared in B class, viz., H. McFadyen.

Both consolation events are well under way. Some splendid scores have been turned in, a great many in the nineties and the following by some of the low handicap men deserve special mention: N. Gray, 79 and 81 at Windsor Park; T. Reith, 79 and 81 at Assiniboine; R. Cooper, 84 at Assiniboine; A. Ferson, 86 at Deer Lodge; F. Holmes, 86 at Deer Lodge.

It is hoped that next season will see more entrants. Only by meeting one another outside of business can we become really acquainted.

Hudson's Bay Company Football Club

The footballers are enjoying an active season and are well into the second half of the schedule of games in the mercantile league.

The committee have had much to contend with in selecting teams and have been able to present the strongest line-up only once or twice, thus results have been short of expectations.

We stand fifth in the league, which comprises ten teams. The class of football is excellent in this league and most of the games are hard fought.

It is regrettable that the club has not more support at the matches, for the boys play good football in a clean and sportsmanlike manner.

During the next few weeks the Drewry cup games will be played.

Players who have borne the brunt of this campaign to date—H. Rusby (captain), W. Cochrane (vice-captain), D. Weir, H. Short, J. McEwen, F. Holmes, W. McElgun, J. McMillan, W. Baird, J. McCarthy, D. McKenzie, W. Stanley, W. Petrie, J. Rodgers, R. S. Carey (president), W. Gray (secretary), T. Reith (assistant secretary), F. Holmes (vice-president), H. Parry (trainer), and E. Knight (manager)—have faithfully attended to executive duties. J. Gray has been in charge of transportation with the kind permission of the store management.

Softball

By winning a hard fought tussle from the Crescent Creamery in the last game of the Commercial softball league, the Hudson's Bay Company captured third place in the popular eight-team loop,

leaving the Western Steel Products and Manitoba Free Press to fight it out for the championship.

Considered from all angles, the season was a most successful one, games being well attended and keenly contested.

Though all the members of the team are deserving credit for our fine showing, special mention must be given to the smart all-round play of Les. Webb, the fine hitting of Johnny Bruneteau, while the addition of Doug. Cook added considerable punch to the pitching staff.—R. S. Carey.

Fur Trade

Winnipeg Head Office

Bishop Geddes, of Mackenzie River, accompanied by Mrs. Geddes, called at this office on their return from a trip on the Mediterranean, and are now en route to Mackenzie River.

Bishop Breynat, of Mackenzie River, was also a visitor at this office in July.

Mr. Chief Factor C. H. French returned on the 3rd of August from an extended visit to Vancouver, Peace River and western points.

Factor John Bartleman, Superior-Huron district, paid this office a flying visit in July.

V. Hornibrooke, who recently left the service, has been replaced by Doris Sadler.

D. Leighton, of the dry goods packing room, has severed his connection with the Company.

On account of ill health, we are sorry to have to report that Bob Frecklton, of the hardware department, has had to leave the service. He has been replaced by J. Nixon.

T. Reid, of Isle a la Crosse, and W. C. Rothnie, of Pelican Narrows, arrived in Winnipeg in July to meet their prospective brides from the Old Country. M. McDonald, of Aberdeen, arrived on Monday, 15th July, and her marriage to T. Reid was solemnized on the 20th. A. E. Davidson, also of Aberdeen, arrived on the 23rd July, and her marriage to W. C. Rothnie was solemnized shortly after.—*Marian Ross.*

Chorus Girl (recently married to rich broker, applying at bank)—I would like to open an account here.

Clerk—Yes, madam, how much do you wish to deposit?

Chorus Girl—Oh, I mean a charge account, as I have in the stores.



HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY BADGE

This is a cap badge as worn by Hudson's Bay Company post masters in the fur trade. A badge similar to this was found in June last by the post office department, Vancouver, loose in the mails. Owner, on proving property, can recover same on application to the editor of *The Beaver*, care Hudson's Bay Company, 93 Main Street, Winnipeg.

British Columbia District

During the last three months Wm. Ware, British Columbia district manager, has visited McLeod's Lake, Fort Grahame, Fort St. James, Hazelton, Kitwanga, Telegraph Creek, Dease Lake, McDames Creek and Liard posts.

We have to congratulate L. D. French on the occasion of his marriage, which took place on 3rd July; also O. B. Utterstrom, who was married in Vancouver on 5th August. They have our best wishes for the future.

Apprentice Clerk J. Lawrie has been transferred from Anahim to Fort St. James, and Apprentice N. Matthew from Fort St. James temporarily to Babine.

A. F. Botsford, Liard post, retired at his own request and reached Vancouver on 31st July. G. M. Johnson was sent in to relieve him.

We have to thank the employees' association of the retail store for a very enjoyable outing on 24th July, when they kindly invited our staff to join their annual picnic.

Motor schooner *Old Maid No. 2* sailed from Vancouver on 15th June with a full cargo for the Western Arctic.

Baychimo sailed from Vancouver on 8th July, fully loaded, for the Western Arctic.

We had the pleasure of meeting the following visitors: 8th June, A. J. Watson manager of Victoria retail store; 15th June, Capt. T. F. Smellie, of the McKenzie and Athabasca district transport; 1st

July, Chief Factor C. H. French, fur trade commissioner; 11th July, Hon. A. J. P. Howard, director, and F. R. Peirson, of Winnipeg. 15th July, E. W. Fletcher, of accounting department, Winnipeg; 30th July, W. W. Anderson, manager of Hazelton post; 2nd August, O. B. Utterstrom, manager of Kitwanga post; 3rd August, J. Nelson, manager of Babine post.—*Wm. Ware.*

Athabasca District

Inspector E. Radcliffe, of the Alberta provincial police, commanding Peace River district, has written to Factor Louis A. Romanet, commending W. McIlroy, assistant at Grouard for his invaluable services rendered in connection with the effecting of the arrest of the perpetrator of a particularly revolting crime in the Grouard district. We are pleased to make mention of Mr. McIlroy's assistance in the preservation of law and order at the Dominion's outposts.

Fort St. John

DEPOT OF H B C IS A TYPICAL EXAMPLE OF NEATNESS

"If the Hudson's Bay Company post at Fort St. John is a sample of the other trading posts in the north, then nothing could be further from the truth than the sort of stuff turned out by a thousand typewriters all over the land for those who like their fiction of the great open spaces to be really fiction.

"Set at the southern end of the 160-mile long trail to the Sikanny river, the Hudson's Bay Company post there might serve as a model for a store anywhere in Alberta south of 53. First the store, and directly north the trim residence of Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Harris, the post manager and his wife. Back of them a neat array of outhouses, barns, quarters for the help. Inside the store, except for the fact that customers are mostly punchers and other gentlemen in big Stetsons and chapps, freighters clad in buckskin, soft-footed Indians and half-breeds, and a motley melange of settlers, the store might be any one of a thousand other stores anywhere in any small Alberta town.

"Especially a store in the cow country of the south, for saddles and chapps, and spurs and other riding gear form a conspicuous portion of the goods for sale. And lots of traps and guns. The Hudson's Bay Company is not narrow minded, however, and buyers are not restricted in choice to lethal weapons and wild and woolly western outfits. Other hats adorn the shelves—hats which look like

the latest creations from Paris to the eye of an uninitiated male. And all sorts of dry goods, groceries, hardware; almost everything a man or woman needs, and for which the man must certainly pay, in the end.

"Enter the Harris home, and be careful not to slip on the rug on the polished floor. Observe, pray, that the latest and best periodicals and books are heaped on the tables in the living room, and the taste in which the whole house is furnished despite the difficulties incidental to living one hundred and twenty miles from the end of steel.

If one wants to hear some good classical music—or if one prefers the sort of thing which made Paul Whiteman and his orchestra rich and famous—here's a latest model gramophone in one corner of the room, and no charge for using it. Pictures on the walls, and not a single scalp hanging from the roof."—*Edmonton Journal.*

Keewatin District

The district manager visited The Pas, Cedar Lake and Pukatawagan posts in May on a tour of inspection.

Mrs. Paterson, wife of D. Paterson, manager at Beren's River post, was a visitor to the district office in June.

G. L. Bremner, apprentice clerk, arrived from Scotland and has proceeded to Nelson House post.

A. D. Hutcheon, apprentice clerk at Split Lake, has been transferred to Little Grand Rapids.

Geo. Mitchell, accountant at The Pas, has been transferred to the Mackenzie River district. Wm. Gall, of Norway House, has replaced Mr. Mitchell.

John Runcie, apprentice clerk at God's Lake, has been transferred to Norway House post.

D. Paterson, manager at Beren's River, visited the district office early in July.

G. S. M. Duddy, manager at Gillam post, who has been on leave of absence, also visited district office in July.

G. C. M. Collins, Island Lake, reports twenty deaths among Indians from influenza at Red Sucker Lake outpost and vicinity.

The district manager is at present on an inspection trip to the following posts: Beren's River, Little Grand Rapids, Deer Lake, Norway House, Rossville Outpost, Cross Lake.

Robt. Walker, manager at God's Lake post, has reported at district office and is being transferred to Mackenzie River district.

W. R. Henry, clerk at God's Lake, has been appointed manager to succeed R. Walker.

E. W. Barton, apprentice clerk at Fort Alexander post, has been transferred to God's Lake.

G. C. M. Collins, manager at Island Lake, visited district office and has been admitted to hospital for an operation for appendicitis. He is reported to be progressing favourably.—*A. Anderson.*

Nelson House



Felix Moody and Wife

This old Indian, who is nearly one hundred years of age, was born at Norway House and was employed at that place as labourer and gardener. In spite of his great age, he is still hale and hearty, and has a very good memory. In fact, he can remember ten different chief factors who were stationed at Norway House. Felix went to Nelson House post sixty years ago this fall.

Red River Post

VERMILION CHUTES NEGOTIATED

Aug. 14—The gas boat and barge in which Premier Brownlee and his party are journeying down the Peace and Slave rivers to Fort Fitzgerald were safely navigated over Vermilion chutes Friday afternoon.

Over the upper rapid with a drop of eight feet the gas boat went with her own power but the barge had to be lined with ropes down the bank. All went well here but at the lower rapids, where there is a drop of fifteen feet, more serious difficulties were encountered.

The barge swerved slightly from the narrow channel, became stranded for a while on a ledge of rock, but was finally released. The gas boat was lowered on skids over part of the drop and took the rest on her own power. All is fair sailing now to Fort Fitzgerald.

The whole operation was in charge of the crew of the M.B. *Weenusk*, assisted by other employees of the Hudson's Bay Company, and great credit is due to them for their efficient handling of a very difficult task.—*Edmonton Journal.*

Saskatchewan District

The Saskatoon fur purchasing agency, which was located in the same building as the Saskatchewan district office, moved to more spacious quarters in the Royal Hotel building on June 8.

On June 14, we received a short visit from R. Bonnycastle, district manager, Western Arctic, en route to Edmonton.

A. B. Cumming, district manager, left on June 15 on his summer inspection trip.

S. A. Keighley, Poorfish Lake, paid a visit to the office on June 24, en route to Winnipeg. Mr. Keighley has been appointed manager of Trout Lake post, Nelson River district. All members of this district convey their best wishes to him, and hope he likes his new surroundings.

We welcome N. M. Ogilvie and W. Mitchell, apprentice clerks, who arrived in Saskatoon from the Old Country on June 28 to take up duties with the Company. Mr. Ogilvie's future home will be Cumberland House and Mr. Mitchell's at Lac la Ronge. We wish the new apprentices every success for the future.

W. Mitchell travelled by plane from Prince Albert to Lac la Ronge. It was his first trip by air.

On July 5, we had the pleasure of a visit for a few minutes at the office, from the Hon. A. J. P. Howard, a director of the Company, accompanied by F. R. Peirson, acting secretary, Canadian Committee.

Frank Reid, post manager, Isle a la Crosse, and W. C. Rothnie, post manager, Pelican Narrows, joined the throng of married employees on July 20 and 25 respectively. The brides were met by the future husbands in Winnipeg and were married a few days later. Both Mrs. Reid and Mrs. Rothnie are new arrivals in Canada from Aberdeen, Scotland. We congratulate both couples and wish them every success.

E. W. Fletcher, of the Winnipeg accounting staff, paid us a visit on July 26 and left for Regina on the 27th.

We had the pleasure of a visit from Mr. Chief Factor C. H. French, fur trade commissioner, on July 30.

We welcome Duncan McLeay, who has joined the Company's service, and is stationed at Green Lake post.—A. B. Cumming.

Superior-Huron District

Lac Seul Post

With the march of events in this area, a short commentary on the establishment here may be of interest. Admitted, it is a far cry from London Bridge to Lac Seul, but even of the passers-by few must fail to appreciate the admirable site of this post. The lake, one of the finest in that vast concourse of waterways which comprise Northern Ontario, teems with islands. Which is island and which mainland is often a matter of conjecture to all but the unsophisticated eye of the aeronaut.

The post proper is built at the termination of a sandy point of considerable size. Its Indian name, *Ohbishihbikhung*, "a pine-clad point making a narrow place," is descriptive, and incidentally serves to remind one that the clean sweep of the flat is the result of much patient clearing and burning.

Two hundred yards behind, the ground rises in a real green bank, halts to make a small but refreshing lawn, carries the house on its crown, and is flanked and backed with fine tall trees. Twenty miles as the crow flies south, the tourist in the observation car sighs at the monotony of the timber belt; twenty miles north of here and the caribou are not strangers in the land. The rising tide of prosperity has flowed west to found the activities of the Red Lake mining area, and east to deposit the prospector of Pickerel Lake.

Solitary and reticent in its backwash of the past, the post stands representative of all that is best in the traditions of our old fur trade.

Remote but not inaccessible, alive to the advantages of the radio and gasoline boat, its quiet does not partake of the noise so often attendant to the conveniences of life today. There is the church mission, the Indian reserve, long stretches of sandy beach, and on the bush trails in the vicinity delightful walks among unspoiled timber—a surprisingly rare asset this latter. At the warehouse the ingenuity of a past post manager was responsible for a labour-saving truck on light rails, and that of the present for an unique golf course over the grassy flat. Hours which could be idle are given to a vegetable and flower garden. The results from the first are as satisfactory to the

"mess," as those of the second to the enjoyment of others as well as the residents.

The post is probably a good hundred years old, although not on the present site for that period. Lonely Lake signifies the influence of French missionaries in this part years ago.

Naturally there have been many post managers; among the latter, John Lane, McKenzie, Sr., Jabez Williams, Anderson, J. D. McKenzie, A. W. Pattison, C. H. M. Gordon, and the present manager, F. H. Aldous.

From running outposts at Red Lake, Hudson, Wabushkang and Pine Ridge, a transport system when York Factory and, later, Dinorwic were the nearest points of approach, it has justified its existence, and rests now on its laurels, sufficient to itself.

Of the point, its fate is sealed. The water in the lake is to be raised and the flat will be submerged. The golf course will know it no more, neither will the old store reflect on the placid waters of the lake. Let us hope that Lac Seul post will not compare unfavourably with the Hudson's Bay Company establishment of the future.—J.L.C.

Nipigon

A tourist from U.S.A., while on a fishing expedition recently on the Nipigon river not far from the village of Nipigon, caught a speckled trout weighing eight and a half pounds and measuring thirty-one and a half inches in length. This fine fish has been registered for the Canadian National Railways competition for the largest trout caught in the Nipigon river for the season ending 15th September, 1929.

Coral Rapids Outpost

Coral Rapids was highly honoured on the 21st of May last when the Honourable Howard Ferguson, premier of Ontario, and Mrs. Ferguson, paid the outpost a visit. The premier was making a tour of inspection, by special train, to the end of the steel on the James Bay extension of the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario railway, ninety-seven miles north of Cochrane.

Included in the premier's party were Mr. G. W. Lee, chairman, and Mr. R. Lamb, assistant superintendent of the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario railway.

The visitors were received at the outpost by Factor J. Bartleman, who had travelled to Coral Rapids by the same train on Company's business.

Coral Rapids outpost was established in the fall of 1928, after construction was

completed to Mile 97. It is truly a frontier settlement of log cabins, and the visitors were greatly interested. Mrs. Ferguson, escorted by Mr. Lamb, walked to the Abitibi river, a half mile behind the settlement, where, from high banks, an imposing view of the famous river is to be had.

Constable Covell, of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and Major Merma-gen, assistant secretary-treasurer of the Church of England Missionary Society, also arrived on the "special" to take canoe at Coral Rapids for Moose Factory. S. G. Iserhoff and family, from Missinabie post, were new arrivals at Coral Rapids on the 25th May, where Mr. Iserhoff takes up his duties as the new manager of the outpost.—S. G. Iserhoff.



St. Lawrence-Labrador

On twenty-third June a party of apprentices under the charge of George Binney arrived from the Old Country on the S.S. *Ausonia*. Post Manager W. O. Douglas, who has spent the winter in England on furlough, and David Farquharson, of the London office, accompanied them. The apprentices for Superior-Huron and western districts left next day for North Bay and Winnipeg, while those for James Bay, Nelson River and St. Lawrence-Labrador districts remained in Montreal until the departure of the supply vessels for the north.

Post Managers A. Copland, F. J. Troup and S. J. Stewart spent the winter on leave in Scotland and returned to duty at the beginning of the outfit.

C. Townsend also arrived from London in June and left for St. John's, Newfoundland, to join the S.S. *Baynain* on her voyage to the Labrador and Hudson Strait posts. Messrs. Binney and Farquharson accompanied Mr. Townsend.

Hon. A. J. P. Howard, spent some time at the office during his Canadian tour.

District Manager V. W. West, of James Bay, paid a flying visit before returning to his district in the spring.

The S.S. *Nascopie* left on her annual voyage for the north on the afternoon of 16th July. She was gaily bedecked with flags and had a good send-off from a large number of well-wishers. Capt. John W. Murray is again master, and the passengers included Chief Factor R. Parsons and James Cantley to inspect the Labrador and northern posts; Dr. W. J. K. Clothier, medical officer; W. M. Ritchie, purser; Rev. C. L. W. and Mrs. Bailey, Rev. J. H. Turner and Rev. H. N. Duncan, Anglican missionaries; Revs. T. Girard

and E. Bazin, Roman Catholic missionaries; Dr. G. M. Sutton, who is to winter on Southampton Island; Post Managers Copland, Troup, W. E. Swaffield, Jr., and family, A. T. Swaffield and twelve apprentices; G. Grasset and five other employees of Revillon Freres Trading Company.

The *Ungava* left next morning at 4.30 with Capt. V. Torreville making his second Hudson Bay voyage as master; Dr. Gavin Chisholm, medical officer; W. A. Brown, purser; Post Manager Harry T. Ford, Capt. J. F. G. Wynne, and a number of apprentices.

The M.S. *Fort James* has been wintering near the North Magnetic Pole and Capt. A. W. Bush expects to leave winter quarters about the middle of August to meet the S.S. *Bay Chimo* on her arrival from Vancouver. All members of the crew are well after their winter's experience.

The M.S. *Fort Garry*, after collecting fresh salmon on the Newfoundland and Labrador coasts, left St. John's, Newfoundland, in the latter part of July with supplies for Fort Chimo.

The steamer *Baynain* has now completed her visits to the Labrador posts and will call at the Hudson Strait posts before returning to Newfoundland.

H. Hodkisson is now completing his summer tour of the inland posts of the St. Lawrence sub-district and will leave for inspection of the gulf posts.

S. H. Parsons returned to Labrador from St. John's by first open water and is now inspecting the posts from Frenchman's Island in the south to Hebron in the north.

Post Managers Pickering, Picaude and Turley have been recent visitors to the city, selecting supplies for trade; while earlier in the season Post Managers P. Maloney, of Seven Islands, and Angus Milne, of Havre St. Pierre, also visited district office. The latter came to meet Mrs. Milne and family on their arrival.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Swaffield, Sr., recently had a family re-union in Montreal, when all members of the family were present. Three sons of the family are post managers in the Company's service. Wilfred Junior, and Albert T. were on furlough during the past winter from Leaf River and Frobisher Bay respectively, and Alexander B., who is in charge at Manowagan, paid his usual visit to district office.

An unfortunate canoe accident on the St. Lawrence river resulted in the death of Henry Ladds, son of John Ladds, of the warehouse staff. Henry was a powerful swimmer and a very promising boy, and his untimely death is much regretted. Our sincere sympathy goes out to Mr. and Mrs. Ladds in their bereavement.—*Ralph Parsons.*

Winnipeg General

PICNIC AT LOWER FORT GARRY

On Saturday, June 15, the staff of the offices of the Canadian Committee, Fur Trade Department, Land Department, Wholesale Depot and Hudson's Bay Overseas Settlement Limited, together with their families and friends, spent a most enjoyable time at Lower Fort Garry, where they held their annual picnic and sports.

The Motor Country Club had kindly thrown open part of the grounds for the occasion and about two hundred and fifty grown-ups and children were present.

The committee appointed to make the necessary arrangements had everything well in hand, nothing being omitted that would tend to make the outing a complete success, and they certainly gained their objective.

Four large buses were chartered to convey those not travelling by private cars. The weather was delightfully warm, in fact it was ideal for the occasion, and when the buses landed their human cargo at the grounds, there was an immediate raid on the refreshment tent, for the journey down had been rather dusty and consequently many bottles of pop and ice cream cones were needed to allay the parched condition of the throats of all in general and the children in particular.

An early start was made on the heavy programme of sports which had been arranged and by lunch time the half-way mark was reached, with everything working according to schedule.

With lunch concluded, a little rest was taken and the sports were resumed. Some most interesting races were witnessed. Indeed the years seemed to rest very lightly on a number of the older competitors, who showed remarkable speed and endurance, taking part in the number of events they did. No doubt next morning they felt a bit stiff from their exertions, but otherwise were in A1 fettle.

The golf competition was much enjoyed and there was some very fine driving and putting, the eventual prize winners having to put in some real good work to gain their position. The putting was exceptionally fine and brought forward much applause from the gallery.

Lack of time made it compulsory to postpone the final of the softball competition.

The race round the fort was a pretty hard event, and several of the competitors tore their pants in the barbed wire entanglements, but as a number of others got the stitch it is presumed that repairs were not difficult.

To sum up the day in general, it certainly was a huge success, and every credit is due to the following committee,

there being no hitch throughout the whole day: R. Watson (chairman), J. Poitras (deputy), A. H. Brotheridge, E. Brown, P. Carey, B. A. Everitt, E. H. Gemmell, L. C. Heckscher, A. Knowles, A. McLean, M. J. Moulder, W. Nairn, D. Ritchie, M. Ross, J. G. Woolison, Mrs. A. Allan, Mrs. E. Hudson.—*M. J. Moulder.*



J. G. Woolison

GOLF

Veysey Cup Competition

Interest in golf in the Winnipeg wholesale building has received a splendid impetus upon the presentation to the members of the staff of the building of a silver challenge cup by Mr. Charles W. Veysey, general manager of wholesales. Mr. Veysey has presented this cup for annual competition and there is no doubt, judging from the interest displayed in the tournament this year, that the possession of this cup will always be a thing of envy. It is desired to thank Mr. Veysey on behalf of all interested in the game for his kindness and generosity in presenting this cup.

The cup has now been won for the first time by Mr. J. G. Woolison, manager of the Winnipeg fur trade depot, after five rounds of consistent golf, and he has a great deal of credit coming to him for winning the tournament under the heavy handicap he carried. To Mr. Garner, of the wholesale department, whom Mr. Woolison defeated in the final round, must be given all credit for the splendid fight he put up. Indeed the game was so close that either player might have been returned the victor, for at the end of seven-

teen holes the match was all square. The eighteenth hole being halved, it became necessary to play an additional eighteen, and here the issue was in doubt until the last hole, Mr. Woolison winning by the close score of one up on thirty-six holes.

To the secretary, Mr. Brock, and to the handicap committee of Mr. May, Mr. Woolison and Mr. Bonnycastle, are due the thanks of the members for their work and the interest shown in their endeavour to make the tournament a success.—C. H. Bonnycastle.

Winnipeg head office had the pleasure of a visit in July from Mrs. B. G. Dahlberg wife of the president of the Celotex Company. Mrs. Dahlberg was accompanied by her friend, Mrs. Neely, of Memphis. They travelled from Winnipeg to Norway House by Western Canada Airways plane, piloted by D. S. Atkinson. W. M. Conn accompanied the ladies to Norway House. Mrs. Dahlberg travelled by canoe from Norway House to York Factory. Mr. Dahlberg, in his own private plane, joined her there for the return journey.

H.B.C.O.S. Limited

Up to the present time ninety-five British families have arrived in Vermilion under the Hudson's Bay Company settlement scheme, the majority of whom are settling down well and appreciating the opportunity afforded them of making a start in Canada on a farm of their own.

The H.B.C.O.S. Limited has handled nine hundred and twelve British newcomers this season, the greater portion of whom, judging from the number of favourable letters received, are well contented with their new life and making good progress.

Quite a number of single men have made enquiries regarding the purchase of land to start farming on their own account, which goes to prove their keen desire to make good.

Owing to the poor crop outlook prevailing in many districts, and the Canadian government's decision not to bring forward any British harvesters this year, placements have been considerably curtailed; it is however hoped that the crops will not prove to be so disastrous as feared.

During the early part of July, the Hon. A. J. P. Howard paid a visit to Canada, when he took the opportunity of thoroughly inspecting the Vermilion district farms. He was accompanied by Mr. E. H. Gamble, Canadian manager, and Mr. F. R. Peirson, acting secretary of the Canadian Committee. Mr. Howard also visited the Company's larger salesshops from Winnipeg to Victoria.—L. C. Heckscher.

Lower Fort Garry

The Lower Fort has been visited by greatly increasing numbers of sightseers in small parties and in large groups.

The members of the Young Australian League, the British Chamber of Commerce and other touring parties visited the fort during the year. The annual council meeting of the Hudson's Bay Company was held there on 24th October, 1928, presided over by Governor Charles V. Sale.

On June 13, 1929, the tablet commemorating the first Indian treaty in the west, Treaty No. 1, was unveiled at Lower Fort Garry in the presence of many distinguished visitors and local people. The school children of Selkirk and their teachers attended in a body. The tablet was unveiled by F. G. Simpson, son of Wemyss M. Simpson, the Indian Commissioner who conducted the original treaty. Some of the Indians who took part in this treaty of August 3, 1871, were present. His Honour Judge F. W. Howay, of New Westminster, represented the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada.

To the numerous interesting relics at the Stone Fort has been added recently a four-inch brass cannon mounted on gun carriage. This cannon is dated 1810 and was presented to the Company by Mr. Heber Archibald, of Winnipeg. It was one of a number occupying the quadrangle of Upper Fort Garry in the early days, before that fort was dismantled. It was formerly in the possession of Mr. Eden, of Winnipeg, from whom Mr. Archibald purchased it when the former departed for England. Realizing the Company's desire to preserve such relics for posterity and the danger there is of these being shipped out of the province, Mr. Archibald very kindly presented this cannon to the Company for permanent keeping at the Lower Fort.

As the years go on, the Stone Fort will undoubtedly be recognized as one of the outstanding places of historic interest in the Dominion.—R.W.

Historical Exhibit

During the year ending July 31, 1929, the Historical Exhibit at the Winnipeg retail store has been a source of great interest and education. The curator, E. F. Hardiman, reports that 19,925 out-of-town visitors signed the exhibit register during the year. In addition to this thousands of local people, including class groups of school children, have inspected the fine collection of relics, pictures, documents, models, *et cetera*, which tell in part the history of the

Hudson's Bay Company, the life in the fur trade, the thrilling story of the pioneer settlers, and the customs, dress, and arts and crafts of Canada's aborigines.

These visitors have come from all parts of the world—China, Egypt, India, Japan, Italy, France, Czechoslovakia, Germany, Russia, Holland, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Scotland, England, Ireland, Wales, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, and, of course, thousands from the United States. Among these many have given expression to their admiration of an exhibit which they consider unique in the Dominion of Canada.

Several items of outstanding interest have lately been added to the exhibit: The Kwah Dagger, said to be the first metal knife possessed by any British Columbia Indian, formerly the property of Chief Kwah, of the Carrier Indians at Stuart Lake, B.C., and used by him in many of his raids and fights. (See page 25 of "History of Northern Interior of British Columbia," by Father A. G. Morice.) This dagger is the identical one that threatened the life of James Douglas (later Sir James Douglas and first Governor of British Columbia) at Fort St. James about 1828. Since that time it has been the symbol of chieftainship among the Carrier Indians.

A model of the auxiliary schooner *Baymaud*, formerly the *Maud*, Captain Amundsen's ship, used by him for six years in the Far Arctic. This model was made by the ship's carpenter. The *Maud* was built at Christiania, Norway, in 1917, and, as the *Baymaud*, is now in the Arctic service of the Hudson's Bay Company.

Historical Pictures—A set of framed copies of the Hudson's Bay Company historical annual calendars 1913 to 1929.—R.W.

Land Department

There have been several changes in the land department since the last issue of *The Beaver*. M. Marriott left for Toronto, after spending three years in the department. She was presented with a wrist watch as a token of the high esteem in which she was held. V. Leflar also left for Toronto. Her gift from the fellow workers was a fitted dressing case.

There must be some special attraction in Toronto this year, for Mrs. Burgess, D. Anderson and M. Henderson have all spent their holidays at that point. C. E. Joslyn came back from his holidays this year looking fit under a coat of sun-tan.

We were glad to see A. E. Bridgwater back safe and sound, as he was busy working on his house this summer.

E. Ogston enjoyed her trip to Norway House, from all accounts.

M. M. Bell, who has not been enjoying the best of health, underwent a slight operation while on holidays, and is now feeling much better.

A. C. Swindell says he had a splendid time at Victoria Beach, chiefly at golf.

M. Barnes is at present on leave of absence at the Pacific coast.

We were very pleased to have a visit from an old friend, Charlie Miller, who used to be in the department, and is now getting along splendidly in the States.

J. McDill is the proud father of a lovely baby girl. Mr. and Mrs. McDill and baby spent their holidays at Grand Beach.

The latest news we have for the press is the announcement of W. J. Thorogood's wedding, to take place on September 7. Hearty congratulations.—J. McDill.

Edmonton

Since the beginning of this year the rapid settlement of the fertile lands in the Peace River district and those to the northwest and northeast of Edmonton, the transportation facilities that are being provided in these districts and elsewhere in Alberta by the Canadian National Railways and the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, the great improvement of roads by the provincial government, the rapid advance in the oil industry, and the practical interest that has been evinced in the natural resources, have caused a stimulation of business in Alberta, in which the Hudson's Bay Company land department of Edmonton has participated to a certain degree.

The partial damage of last year's crop by frost and the lack of moisture for a considerable period after this year's crop was sowed, temporarily caused a lessening of general business in this district, but the rains that have fallen lately—perhaps a little too late—have increased the estimated yield of wheat and coarser grains to such an extent as partially to dispel the gloomy forebodings regarding it.

The confidence in this city, with its population of 74,000 people increasing day by day, can at the present time be gauged by the many public and business buildings and residences now in course of erection. The estimate, stated in the annual report of Edmonton land office, that the building permits in Edmonton for this year would reach \$6,000,000 will in all probability be realized. Among the buildings completed this year is the one comprising three stores erected by—the Hudson's Bay Company at the northeast corner of Jasper avenue and 105th street. Each of these stores has been satisfactorily

leased, one of the lessees being the world-wide known Singer Sewing Machine Company. The new store building has been very favourably commented on.

Up to the present time the sale of town lots—the greatest number being south of 108th avenue—has improved. Most of them have been purchased for residential purposes, but a number were sold to be used industrially. Whilst the sale of lots has caused satisfaction, that feeling has been intensified by learning the satisfactory and keen appreciation felt by the citizens of Edmonton of the new subway partly paid for by the Hudson's Bay Company under the C.N.R. tracks that opens up 109th street, that is graded, gravelled and boulevarded and improved from Jasper avenue to the north of Portage avenue, and of the many improvements, including the Beaver golf course, done and being done north of 108th avenue by the Hudson's Bay Company under the supervision of the land department.

The sales of several houses of the Hudson's Bay Company in this city have been effected this year, and there is reason to believe that further sales may be made before the end of this month.—*J. R. McIntosh.*

Winnipeg Wholesale

August 3 was a very happy day for our general manager, C. W. Veysey, and Mrs. Veysey, as it was the twenty-fifth anniversary of their wedding. A suitable gift of silver was made by the staff of the Winnipeg wholesale department.

Congratulations to D. Venters and G. Skelly, both of whom are proud fathers of baby boys.

Wedding bells rang out on June 8 for Leo Evenden. The congratulations and best wishes of the staff were conveyed through the medium of a small gift. Mr. Evenden is comparatively a newcomer.

James Brown has fully recovered from his recent illness and is back once more on duty.—*F. G. May.*

Regina Wholesale

Our city shipper, Mr. Morris, recently had a narrow escape in a motor accident, getting only a few minor bruises. The same, however, cannot be said of the car.

Mr. Myles, country shipper, broke his wrist recently while lending a helping hand to a stranded Ford.

Mr. Murray, of the retail department, recently motored to Winnipeg, where he spent the week-end.—*A. Sidler.*

London

BEAVER CLUB SPORTS

On Wednesday, 5th June, the Beaver Club held its first sports meeting on the Mercatores Association cricket ground, North Dulwich. For the benefit of those who may not know, the Mercatores Association Cricket Club comprises members of the London Fur Trade and we are indebted to them for the use of their ground.

The first Wednesday in June is Derby Day, and proverbially wet. It was no exception this year. Rain fell throughout the meeting, but the enthusiasm of competitors and spectators remained undaunted. No doubt the latter would have been more numerous had the weather been fine.

Representatives from all departments of the HBC in London took part. The Governor, who was unfortunately not able to be present, very kindly presented a silver cup for competition, to become the property of the winner for three years in succession. As the programme had already been arranged, the committee decided to award the cup this year to the department gaining most points in the relay races and tug-of-war. This arrangement may be modified in future.

There were three relay races—men's, women's and mixed. The departments competing were Head Office, Fur Office, Fur Warehouse, Buying Office and Cold Storage and Engineers. The Fur Office secured first place in the men's and mixed relay races and second place in the tug-of-war, thus securing the cup. The tug-of-war teams showed great tenacity, but the weight and experience of the Cold Storage and Engineers proved victorious, although a third pull was necessary to wear down the Fur Office. Two or three of the winning team have pulled in Service competitions.—*S. Grover.*

Results

Departmental Competition—Silver cup presented by the Governor won by Fur Department.

Prizes—Men: 1, A. A. E. Moore (silver-mounted umbrella); 2, G. Cassin (gold-mounted fountain pen); 3, H. Sinclair (silver pencil), F. Heyes (silver pencil). Women: 1, M. Crosbie (evening bag); 2, L. Heron (hat box); 3, M. Dyall (toilet companion).

Races—Men's 100 yards: 1, F. Heyes; 2, F. Witteridge; 3, A. A. E. Moore.

Women's 100 yards: 1, M. Crosbie; 2, L. Heron; 3, E. Simpson.

Men's 220 yards: 1, G. Cassin; 2, F. Witteridge; 3, T. Ruttle.

Men's Obstacle: 1, D. Farquharson; 2, E. Berry; 3, G. Cassin.

Women's Mystery: 1, F. M. Chambers; 2, M. Crosbie; 3, D. Dann.

Men's Sack: 1, A. A. E. Moore; 2, E. Berry; 3, W. Willacy.

Men's Three-legged: 1, A. A. E. Moore and C. F. Cairns; 2, H. Sinclair and A. Arnold; 3, A. Sendles and G. Cassin.

Women's Three-legged: 1, M. H. Smith and E. Simpson; 2, M. Crosbie and M. Child; 3, M. Dyall and K. Gregson.

Women's Egg and Spoon: 1, L. A. Leonard; 2, E. Sewell; 3, J. Scott.

Flowerpot: 1, S. Grover; 2, A. A. Moore; 3, M. Dyall.

Blind Driving: 1, A. Lee and H. Sinclair; 2, A. Shaw and M. Wonnall; 3, M. H. Smith and A. A. E. Moore.

Cigarette: 1, A. A. E. Moore and L. Heron; 2, E. Clifton and M. Warren; 3, H. Lee and M. Crosbie.

Department: 1, M. Dyall; 2, F. Heyes; 3, A. Sendles.

Team Races—Men's Departmental Relay: 1, Fur Office (F. Heyes, A. A. E. Moore, C. F. Cairns, T. Ruttle); 2, Head Office (E. Tilney, A. Tyler, R. Banks, C. Murkin); 3, Fur Warehouse (A. Sendles, G. Harris, W. Willacy, E. Berry).

Women's Departmental Relay: 1, Buying Office (E. Simpson, K. Gregson, E. Weaver, M. Crosbie); 2, Head Office (A. Lee, M. Child, L. Heron, D. Payne); 3, Fur Office (M. Warren, M. Rivers, L. A. Leonard, F. Chambers).

Mixed Departmental Relay: 1, Fur Office (F. Heyes, M. Warren, F. Chambers, T. Ruttle); 2, Buying Office (L. Rackham, E. Weaver, M. Crosbie, R. Geddes); 3, Head Office (E. Tilney, A. Lee, L. Heron, C. Murkin).

Tug-of-War—1, Cold Store (A. Arnold, H. Sinclair, A. Taylor, W. Cotton, C. Muddiman, T. May). Runners up, Fur Office (F. L. Heyes, A. A. E. Moore, S. H. Grover, T. Ruttle, A. Frayling, R. C. Marshall).

THE ASHRIDGE OUTING

Saturday, the 25th May, dawned rather cloudily and during the morning many members of the Beaver Club turned their eyes anxiously skywards. By lunch time, however, the sun seemed to have heard their silent prayers and shone brilliantly upon two motor coaches and four private cars full of happy Beavers on their way to Ashridge in Hertfordshire, where the National Trust owns a stretch of some of the most delightful country in England.

The outward journey from Queen Victoria Street *via* Edgware Road, Golders Green, Elstree and Berkhamstead was accomplished without mishap. At the Bridgewater Arms, Little Gaddesden, in a garden surrounded by lilacs and laburnum trees, were two long tables set most invitingly with all sorts of delicacies, but the chief cry being for tea, this was quickly administered to the panting throng, who soon revived under its beneficent influence

and started off on a two or three mile walk through Ashridge Park.

Over a stile, across a buttercup field, through a little gate and down a hill they went, startling a few rabbits in the valley with their chattering. They ascended a hill on the other side of the little grassy valley and trailed up past a cottage with a swing, which some juvenile spirits were unable to resist, to a footpath which wound through a plantation of oaks and elms to a lovely open common. Here the sun was so bright, the distant trees so green, the sky so blue and the gorse so vividly yellow, that the eyes were quite dazzled and it was pleasant to enter a cool wood where the first thing which met the gaze and drew forth rapturous exclamations from everybody was an absolute carpet of bluebells. They continued joyfully on their way to Duncombe Terrace, where there is a fine view over the rolling hills of Hertfordshire.

By this time, the walkers were beginning to slacken their pace a little, but the end was almost in sight, and at last they crossed the buttercup field once more and reached the cars and coaches, which were boarded, with tired feet and bunches of bluebells. The return journey was made *via* Dunstable. One car fell by the way in Dunstable and lost all hope of catching up with the others after an hour's delay; others disappeared altogether, while one charabanc mistook itself for a super-sports model and dashed along at a rollicking fifty, absolutely crippling its companion, which endeavoured to keep the pace but developed chronic asthma at a nasty hill.

The first party arrived at the Embankment at about nine o'clock, the last at half-past ten. The outing was voted a thoroughly enjoyable one in every respect, thanks being especially due to Mr. Ruttle, who positively rejoices in feeding his flock, and to Mr. Forbes and Mr. Lee, who led us in the way we should go.—*Vera W. E. Pegg.*

Our summer so far has been fairly satisfactory from the point of view of weather, but, though we have had a drought for some weeks, really hot days have been few.

The swimming season has started and many members of the staff are taking advantage of the facilities obtained at the various baths.

The first item of a programme of visits to places of interest in or near London arranged by the Beaver Club was to the Inns of Court and Temple Church. Those who attended were greatly interested and thanks are due Mr. Dunk for the excellent way in which he arranged everything.

Good luck to Messrs. Griffiths and Martin, who passed through London recently en route to Charlottetown, P.E.I.



Hudson's Bay Company Fur Trade Apprentice Clerks, 1929

Mr. C. Townsend, of the Development Department, has left England for his annual visit to Canada, and Mr. G. Binney has also gone in charge of the party of new fur trade apprentices.

The fur warehouse office is a less cheerful place since we said goodbye to Mr. D. Farquharson, who has gone to Canada as secretary to Mr. Townsend.

We are pleased to welcome Mr. Drummond Hay, who is attached to the Development Department at Beaver House; Mr. Kemp, who has joined the laboratory staff; also Mr. Young and Mr. Perfect, who have joined the buying office.—*T. Ruttle.*

FUR TRADE APPRENTICES IN LONDON

On the 14th June, forty-five apprentice clerks of the Company and three of Revillon Freres Trading Company Limited sailed for Canada on the S.S. *Ausonia*.

Assembling in London on the previous day, they were presented to the Governor and Mr. Graham at Hudson's Bay House and taken for a drive through the capital. The afternoon was devoted to an inspection of Beaver House with its spacious, well lit sorting floors, its system of cooled air ventilation, its cold store, engine room and splendid sale room.

In Beaver House the Company, as befits the greatest organization in the fur trade, has the world's finest fur building and these new recruits to its service were visibly impressed. They were shown bales newly arrived from Canada, how these are opened and the contents checked and distributed to the various floors for sorting. The grading and lotting were also briefly explained, so that from the posts in Canada the young fur traders should be able to visualize the progress from the trapper to the Company's customer of the pelts they handle. The whole party was extremely

interested and had many questions to ask. Some had friends who had already trodden the path along which they were taking the first step and from whom they had received glowing accounts of life in Canada.

After tea in the reception room, where they were the guests of the Beaver Club, Mr. Forbes conveyed the wishes of the London fur staff that they each might attain to a successful and happy career in Canada, and a return to the hotel was then made to allow for preparations for the morrow's embarkation.

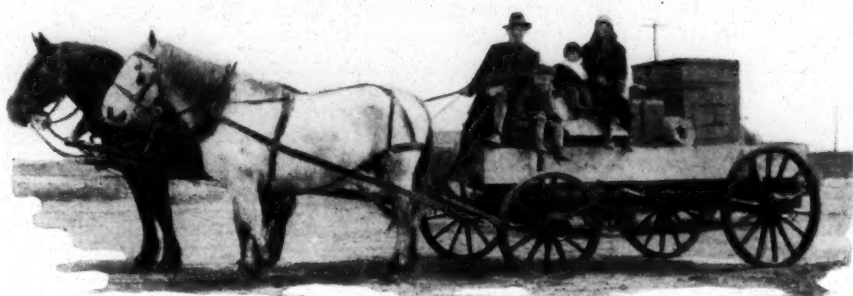
The names of the apprentices are as follows: H. N. M. Artus, A. Austin, F. R. Bedford, J. C. Betts, D. C. Bremner, G. T. Bremner, R. B. Carson, D. E. Cooter, J. G. Cormack, J. G. Craig, P. H. Crompton, T. Crawford, W. Davidson, G. Dunn, G. Fitzgerald, J. Fleming, A. Fridge, A. Gavin, R. Hammond, A. Harkes, W. T. Henry, W. A. Heslop, A. E. Hodgkinson, J. O. Hutton, R. H. Kilgour, S. S. Mackie, H. J. Mann, D. Massie, F. B. Milne, W. Mitchell, J. Nicol, G. E. Ogilvie-Browne, N. M. Ogilvie, R. Oliver, A. Paterson, J. R. Pullman, H. L. Salmon, S. K. I. Saul, W. T. Savage, A. R. Scott, J. Sime, D. Shaw, D. W. G. Stewart, J. F. Topping, J. F. G. Wynne.

Revillon apprentices: C. M. Duncan, N. Mackenzie, N. Prime.—*N. E. Beynes.*

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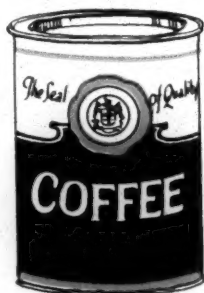
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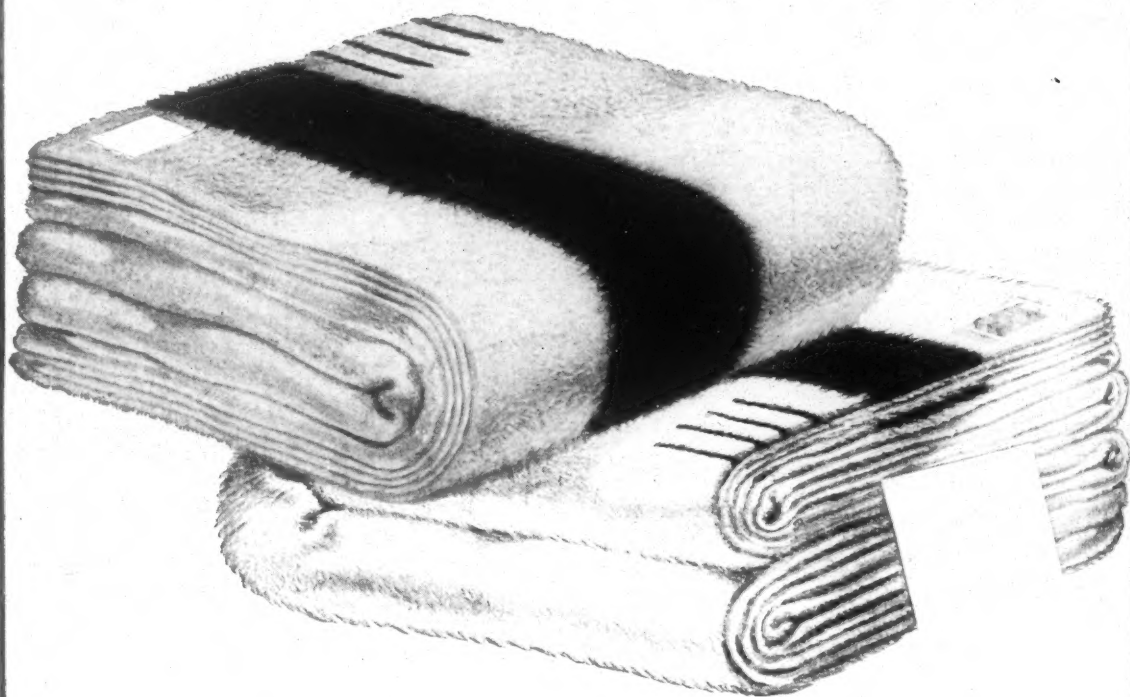
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